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KNIGHTS
OF THE
ZODIAC

SHONEN JUMP GRAPHIC NOVEL

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Among manga artists, there are those who religiously obey their weekly deadlines, and there are those who scramble around at the last minute. The latter are manga jerks who narrowly avoid, by a few hours' margin, the risk of a notice reading, "So-and-so-Sensei's work will not be appearing in this week's issue due to illness." It's not something to be proud of, but, in the manga world, I'm probably among the top runners-up for the title of Most Despicable Manga Jerk.

Every week, when I've once again hit crunch time, I scream, "Time, please stop!!"

Kurumada Masami—1987



Masami Kurumada made his manga debut in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), the story of the life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular series **Ring ni Kakero** (Put it All in the Ring). In 1986, he truly hit it big when he created **Saint Seiya** (Knights of the Zodiac), which was first serialized in **Weekly Shonen Jump** magazine, then went on to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, four movies and a video game!

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Medusa's Shield

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DRAGON
SHIRYŪ



PHOENIX IKKI



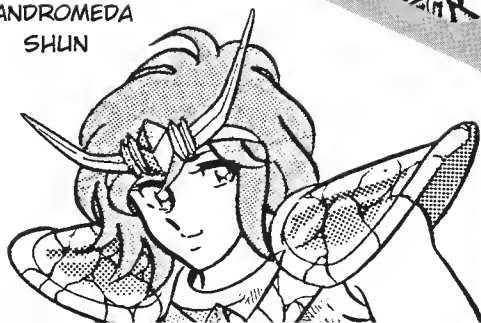
PEGASUS
SEIYA



SWAN HYŌGA



ANDROMEDA
SHUN





SHINA



LEO
AIORIA

SCORPIO
MIRO



PRINCESS
SIENNA

LORD NOBU



ARGOL

DANTE

CAPELLA

LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT RENT THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH. FOLLOWING THEIR TRADITION, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 ORPHANS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. SIX YEARS LATER, THE ORPHANS WHO SURVIVED THE ORDEAL HAVE RETURNED TO JAPAN, CARRYING THE CLOTHS THAT ARE PROOF OF THEIR KNIGHTHOOD. LORD NOBU'S GRANDDAUGHTER, PRINCESS SIENNA, HAS ORGANIZED A TOURNAMENT OF THE KNIGHTS, BUT SOME KNIGHTS HAVE REBELLED...

HAVING FINALLY RETRIEVED THE STOLEN GOLD CLOTH, THE BRONZE KNIGHTS -- SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN -- RETURN TO PRINCESS SIENNA'S TOURNAMENT, ONLY TO FIND EVERYTHING IN RUINS. SIENNA IS WAITING THERE FOR THEM. SHE TELLS THE KNIGHTS THAT SHE IS THE INCARNATION OF THE GODDESS ATHENA, AND THAT THE BRONZE KNIGHTS WERE RAISED BY LORD NOBU TO AID AND PROTECT HER. SHE INVITES THE KNIGHTS TO JOIN HER REBELLION AGAINST SANCTUARY, THE HEADQUARTERS OF ALL KNIGHTHOOD. SEIYA REFUSES, BUT THE OTHER KNIGHTS REMIND HIM OF A MESSAGE LEFT BY MARIN, THE SILVER KNIGHT WHO MAY BE SEIYA'S LONG-LOST SISTER... A MESSAGE THAT READS, "SEIYA, PROTECT ATHENA." BEFORE SEIYA CAN MAKE A DECISION, SIENNA IS ABDUCTED BY SILVER KNIGHTS SENT BY SANCTUARY. AS THE BRONZE KNIGHTS FIGHT TO RESCUE HER, IKKI, THE TROUBLED PHOENIX KNIGHT, UNEXPECTEDLY JOINS THE BATTLE...

THE STORY THUS FAR

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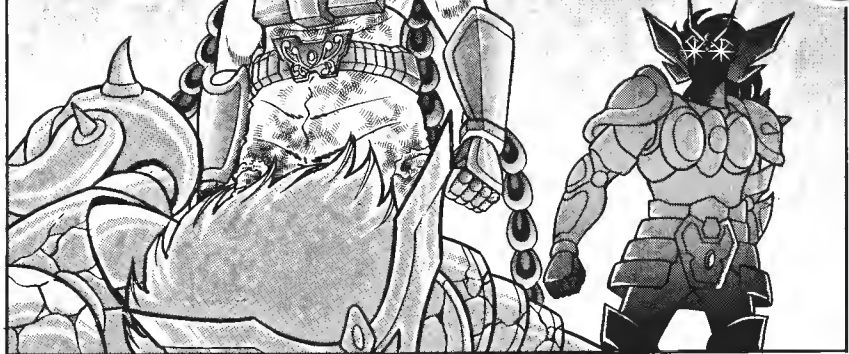
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FOR
A
MAGNIFICENT
FUTURE!

KRASH



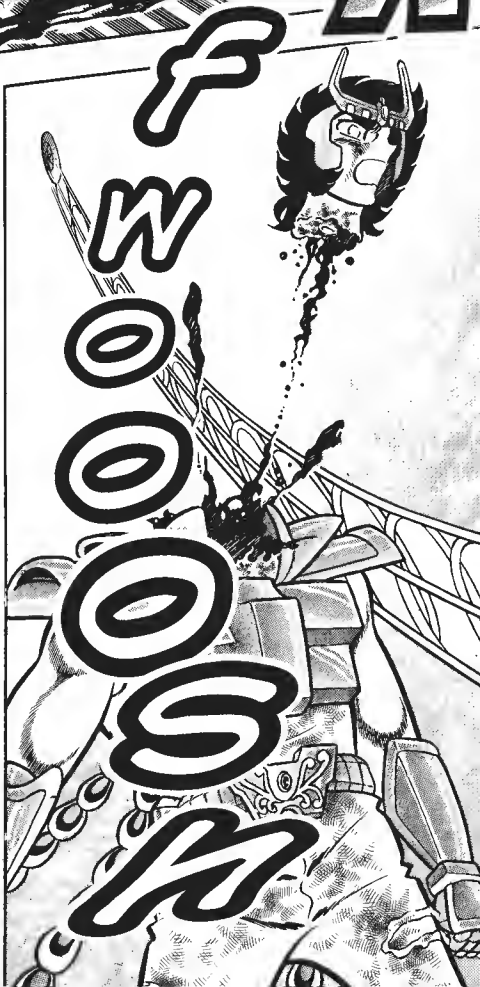
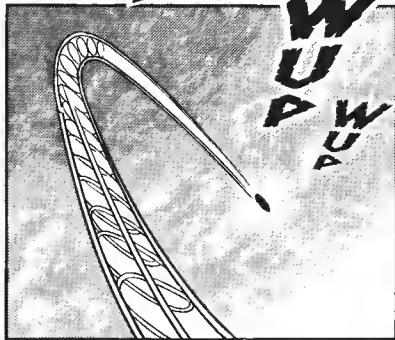
YOU'RE
THE
PERSEUS
KNIGHT,
ARGOL, RIGHT?
MY NEXT
VICTIM?

I EXPECTED
A SILVER
KNIGHT TO
BE A LOT
STRONGER.

HEH...
WE'LL
SEE
ABOUT
THAT!

BOOM





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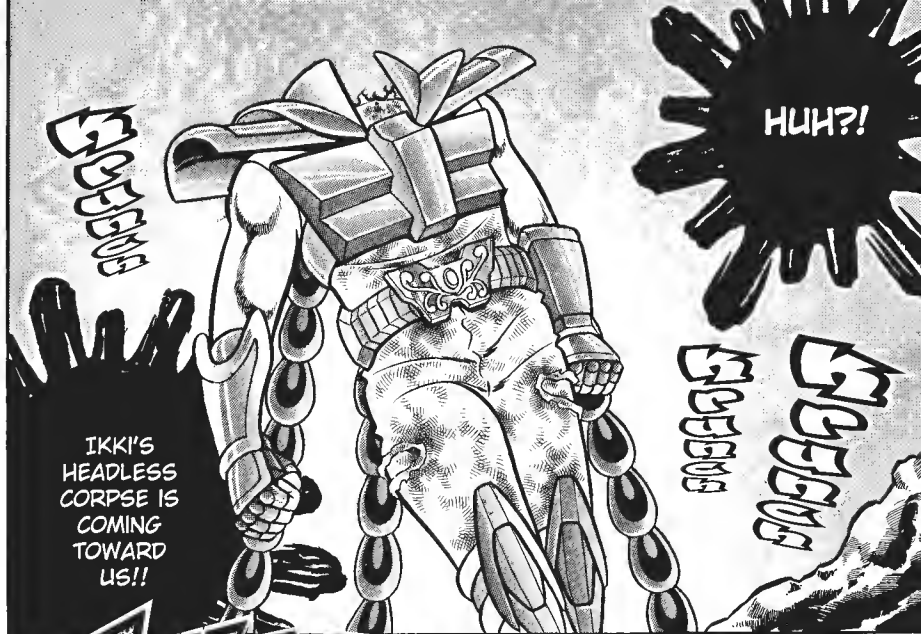
SO YOU'RE
ALIVE
AFTER
ALL,
CAPELLA.

OF COURSE
I AM! I LET
MY GUARD
DOWN, AND
SUFFERED A
MILD
CONCUSSION
BECAUSE OF IT

FOOL.
THAT'LL
TEACH YOU
SOME HUMILITY

...BUT,
THOUGH
HE WAS
STRONG
FOR A
BRONZE,
THAT BOY
WAS NEVER
A MATCH FOR
ME.

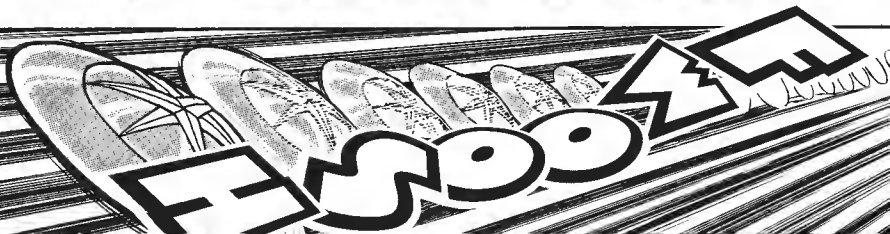
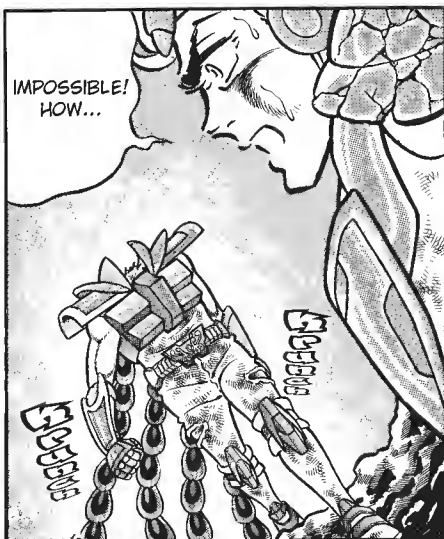
YOU BRONZES
TANGLE WITH
THE AURIGA
CHARIOTEER,
CAPELLA, AND
HE'LL TAKE
YOUR HEAD
JUST LIKE
THAT.

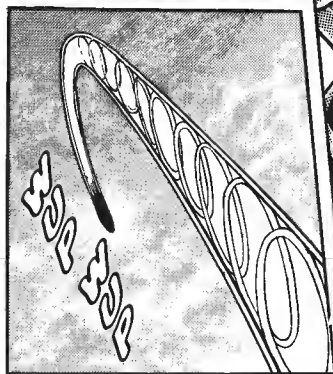


IKKI'S
HEADLESS
CORPSE IS
COMING
TOWARD
US!!



HAVE
ANOTHER
TASTE OF
MY FLYING
SAUCER!







NO!
WHY WOULD
MY OWN
SAUCER
CHOP OFF
MY ARM?!



NO!
NOT
AGAIN!



AAGH!!



GRAGH!!

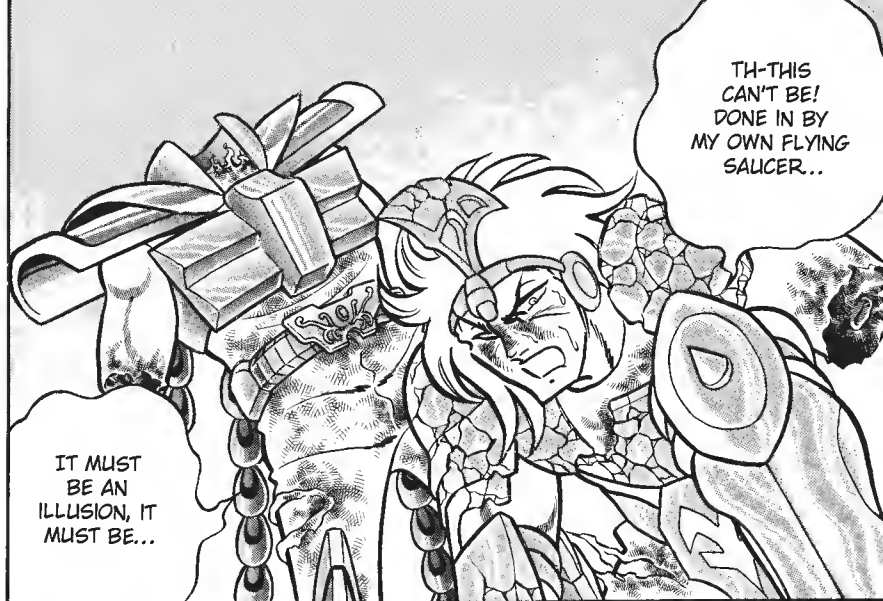




WHY?
MY SAUCER
TURNED ON
ME LIKE A
MAD DOG!!

HUNDREDS
OF THEM!!





IT MUST
BE AN
ILLUSION, IT
MUST BE...

TH-THIS
CAN'T BE!
DONE IN BY
MY OWN FLYING
SAUCER...



THAT
FIRST
PUNCH
YOU TOOK
WAS NO
ORDINARY
BLOW.

HEH!
THIS ISN'T
A PALTRY
ILLUSION.



YOUR
PSYCHE
WAS
SHATTERED
THE MOMENT
IT HIT YOU!

IT WAS
THE
PHOENIX'S
PHANTOM
DEMON
PUNCH!



N-NO...
THEN... THIS
WHOLE BATTLE
WAS... AN
ILLUSION...



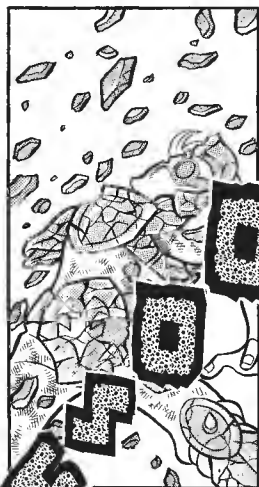


HEH...

WHAT DID YOU DO TO
CAPELLA? HE THREW HIS
SAUCER AT YOU, THEN HE
STOOD THERE LIKE A
DROOLING IMBECILE UNTIL
IT SANK INTO THE GROUND
AT HIS FEET!

...BUT IN
THAT TIME,
CAPELLA HAD
A MIND-
SHATTERING
VISION.

IT ONLY
TOOK A
FEW SECONDS
FOR THE
SAUCER TO
COMPLETE ITS
JOURNEY...





INCREDIBLE!
HE SHATTERED
CAPELLA'S
CLOTH!



ANY ONE
OF YOU
WHO FIGHTS
ME WILL END
UP LIKE THAT!



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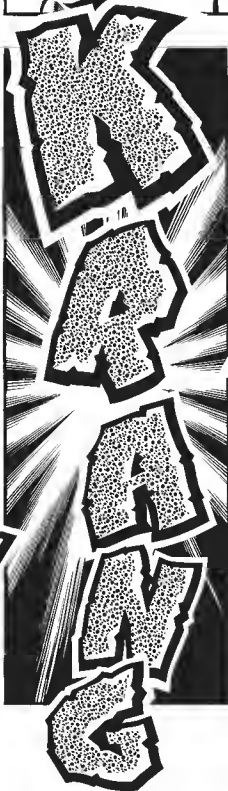
DO YOU
STILL DARE
TO FACE ME,
ARGOL?!

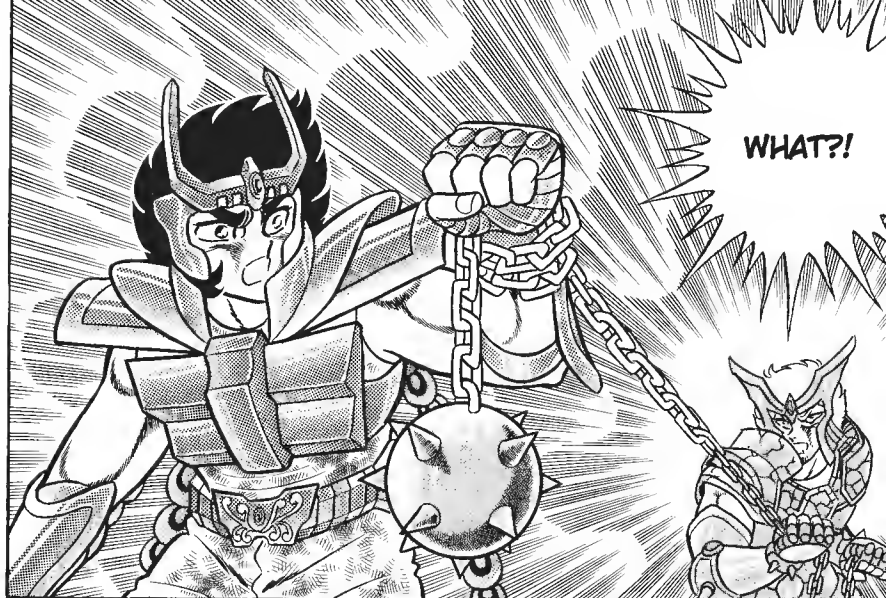


HEH.
I SHOULD
WARN YOU --
I'M NOT LIKE
THE OTHERS.



SO I GATHER.
THE COSMO
EMANATING
FROM YOU IS
MUCH MORE
POWERFUL.





WHAT?!



MY DEAR
ARGOL, LEAVE
THIS TO ME!

DANTE!!



ANOTHER
MIRACULOUS
RETURN
FROM THE
DEAD.
SO WHAT?



THIS TIME,
I'LL FINISH
YOU FOR
SURE, IKKI.



WE SILVERS
HAVE BEEN
DISGRACED.
I, DANTE, WILL
DEFEAT THIS
BRONZE,
WHATEVER
IT TAKES!



FEEL
THE
FURY
OF THE
BRONZE
BALL
AND
CHAIN
!!



WHAT?!



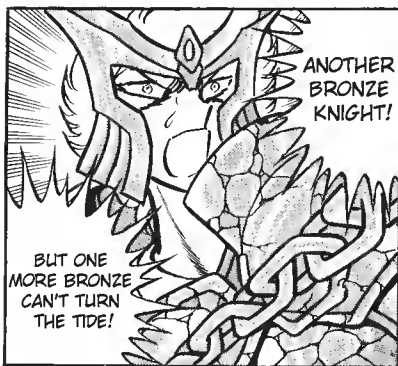
WHOSE
CHAIN IS
THAT?!



UINH!

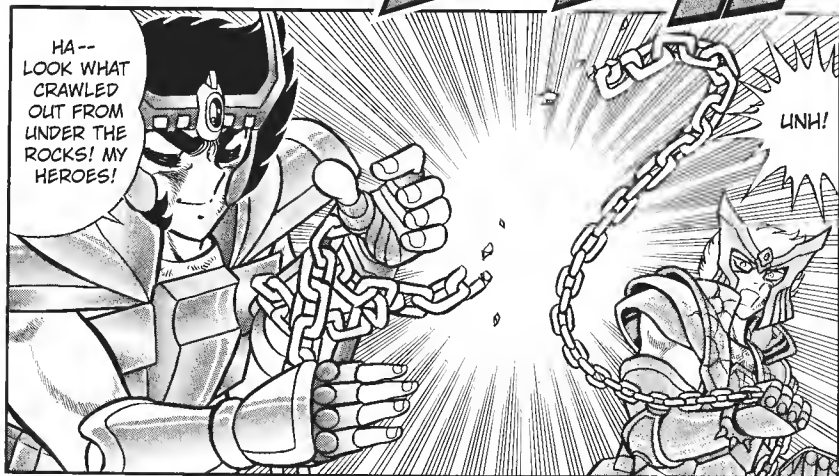


IT'S...!!



THEN
MAYBE
THREE
CAN!!





HA--
LOOK WHAT
CRAWLED
OUT FROM
UNDER THE
ROCKS! MY
HEROES!

UNH!



I HAVE
NO
INTENTION
OF FIGHTING
AT YOUR
SIDE.

WHERE I
GO IS MY
BUSINESS.



THERE'S NO
IKKI IN
"TEAM!"



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING, IKKI?!



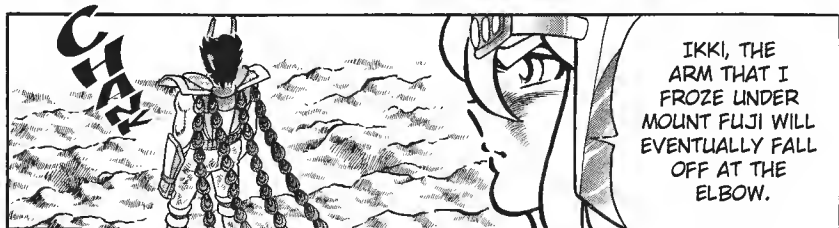
WAIT,
SHIRYŪ.

WHAT?!

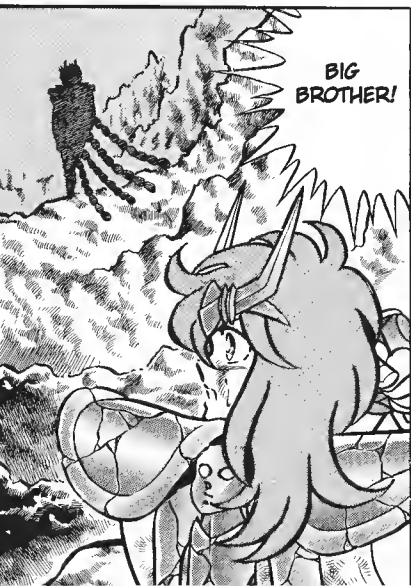


THERE
ARE ONLY
TWO OF
THEM,
EH?

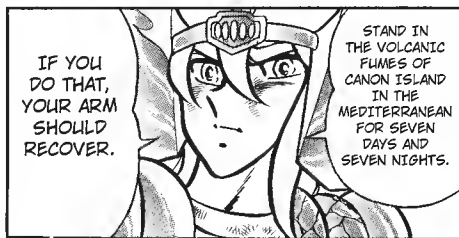
ANYWAY, THE
THREE OF
YOU
TOGETHER
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO DEFEAT
THESE
SILVERS.



IKKI, THE
ARM THAT I
FROZE UNDER
MOUNT FUJI WILL
EVENTUALLY FALL
OFF AT THE
ELBOW.



**BIG
BROTHER!**



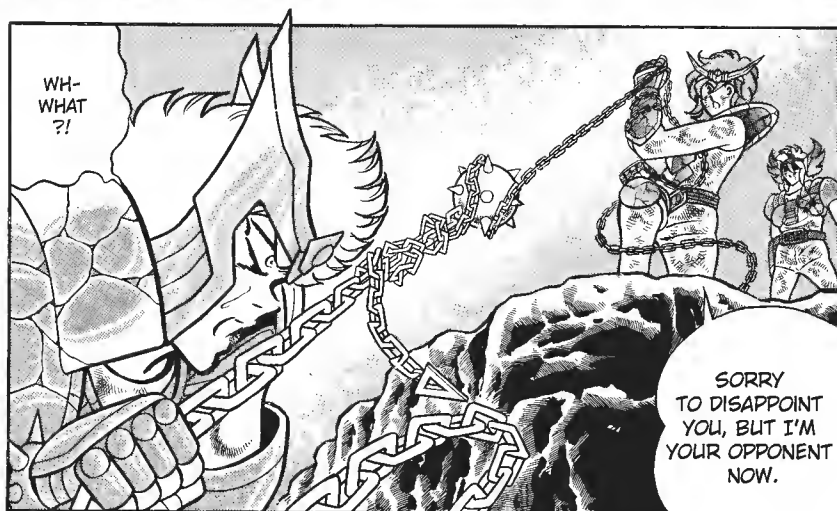
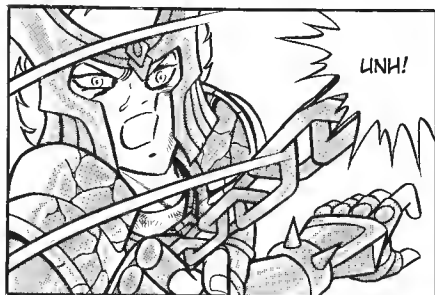
IF YOU
DO THAT,
YOUR ARM
SHOULD
RECOVER.

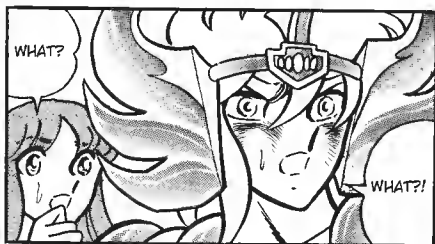
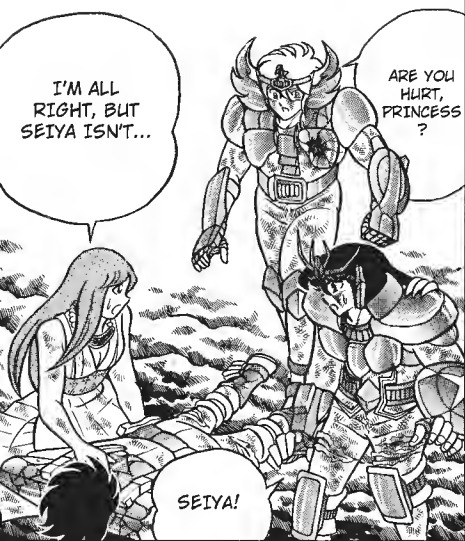
STAND IN
THE VOLCANIC
FUMES OF
CANON ISLAND
IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN
FOR SEVEN
DAYS AND
SEVEN NIGHTS.



HMMM,
PERHAPS
I SHOULD
THANK
YOU...
HEH...

CHANK







ALL
RIGHT.

LET'S HURRY.
HYÔGA, I'M
LEAVING THE
PRINCESS IN
YOUR HANDS.



...BUT
OUT-
NUMBER
YOU.

OH, THERE
WAS ONE MORE
SILVER, WASN'T
THERE? YOU
PROBABLY WANT
TO FIGHT...



ANY WHO
STAND BEFORE
ME WILL BE
PETRIFIED.

HEH...
DON'T WORRY.
ONE ENEMY OR
FIVE HUNDRED --
IT MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE TO
ARGOL, THE
PERSEUS KNIGHT.

TAKE THIS,
ANDROMEDA!



HAH!

IMPOSSIBLE!
HIS CHAINS
SHATTERED
THE CHAINS
OF
CERBERUS!

WH-
WHAT?!

THEY'RE
TINSEL NEXT
TO MY
ANDROMEDA
CHAINS,
MUCH LESS...

DON'T BE
SURPRISED.
YOUR BRONZE
CHAINS WERE
MERELY
DESIGNED TO
HOLD THE
HOUND OF
HADES!

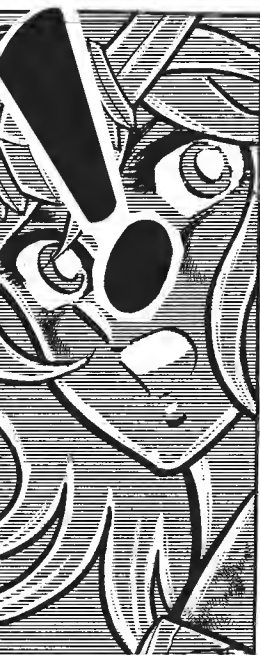


...THE
NEBULA
CHAIN
!!



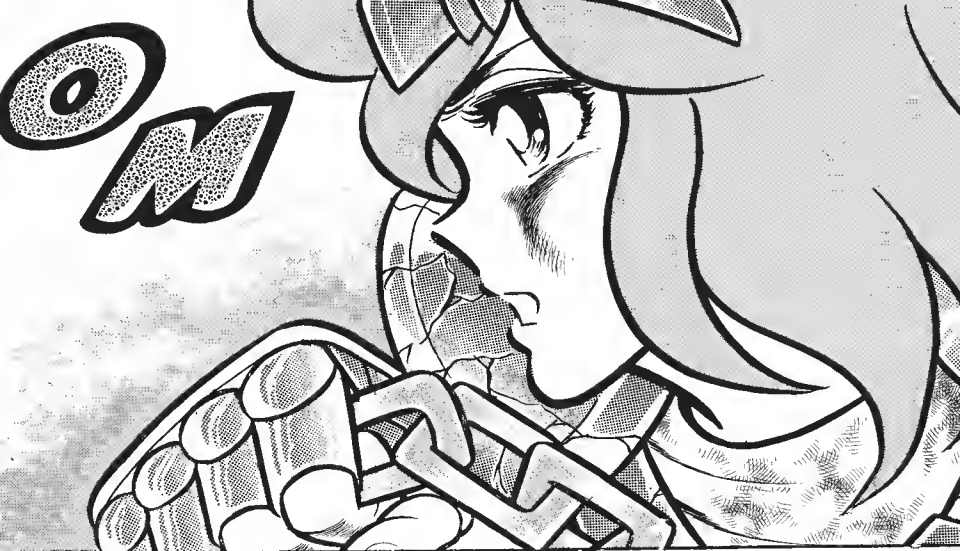


AAAAGH!



SHIRYŪ,
HOW'S
SEIYA?!





TA-DO



STOP! YOU
HAVE TO
FACE ME,
SILVER KNIGHT!

HA! YOU
THINK YOU
CAN STOP
ME?

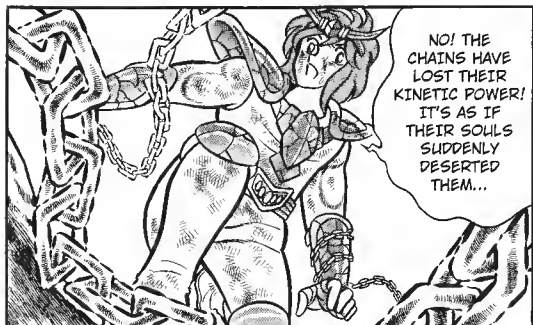
IF YOU
WON'T
FIGHT ME
VOLUN-
TARILY,
I'LL
MAKE
YOU!



FWASH



WH-
WHAT?!



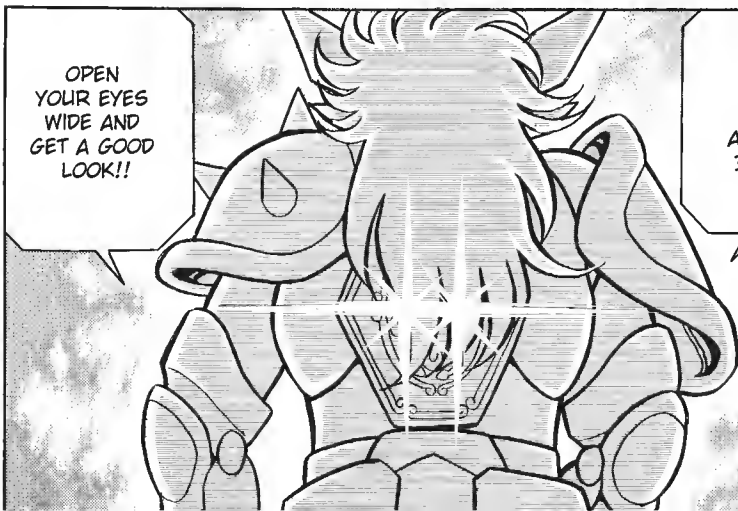
NO! THE
CHAINS HAVE
LOST THEIR
KINETIC POWER!
IT'S AS IF
THEIR SOULS
SUDDENLY
DESERTED
THEM...



HEH...

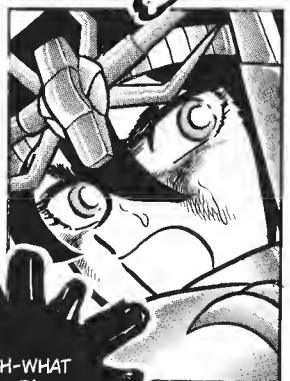


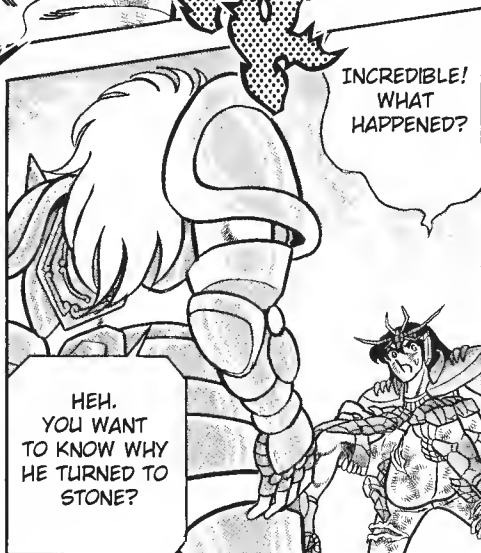
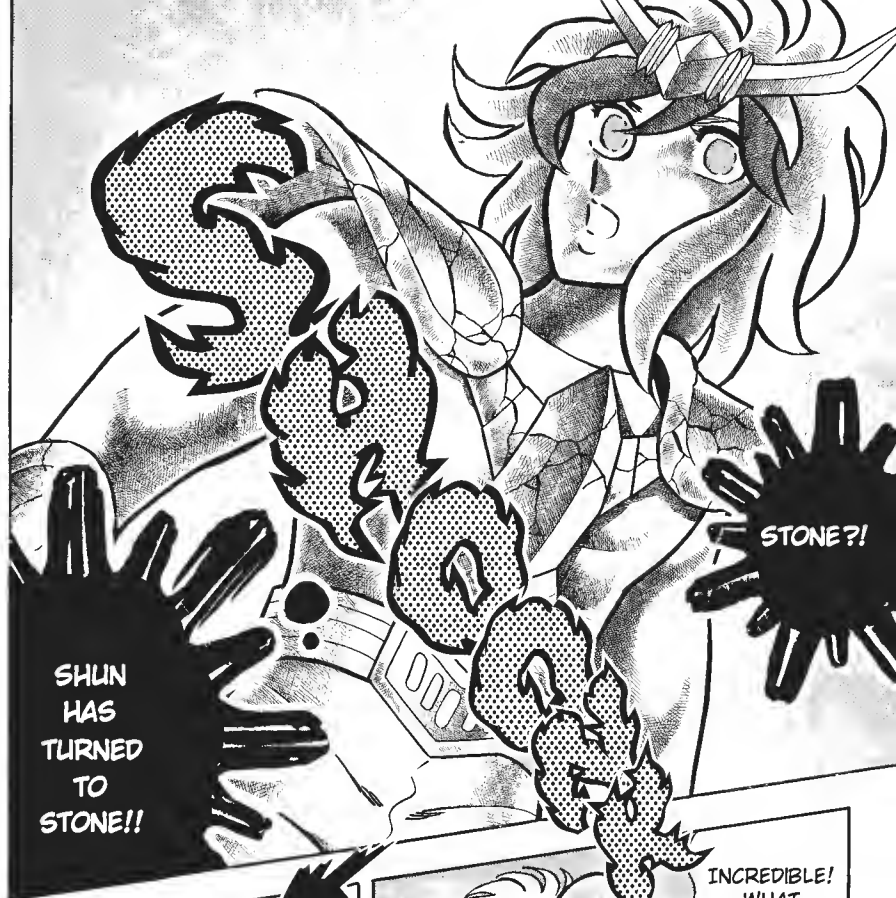
WH-WHAT'S
THAT ON THE
KNIGHT'S BACK?



OPEN
YOUR EYES
WIDE AND
GET A GOOD
LOOK!!

YOU
REALLY
WANT TO
KNOW,
ANDROMEDA?
I'LL GLADLY
SHOW YOU!





THAT
SHIELD
TURNED
SHUN TO
STONE?

THE...
MEDUSA
SHIELD?

THE
MEDUSA
SHIELD!!

IT
CAN'T
BE...

NO...

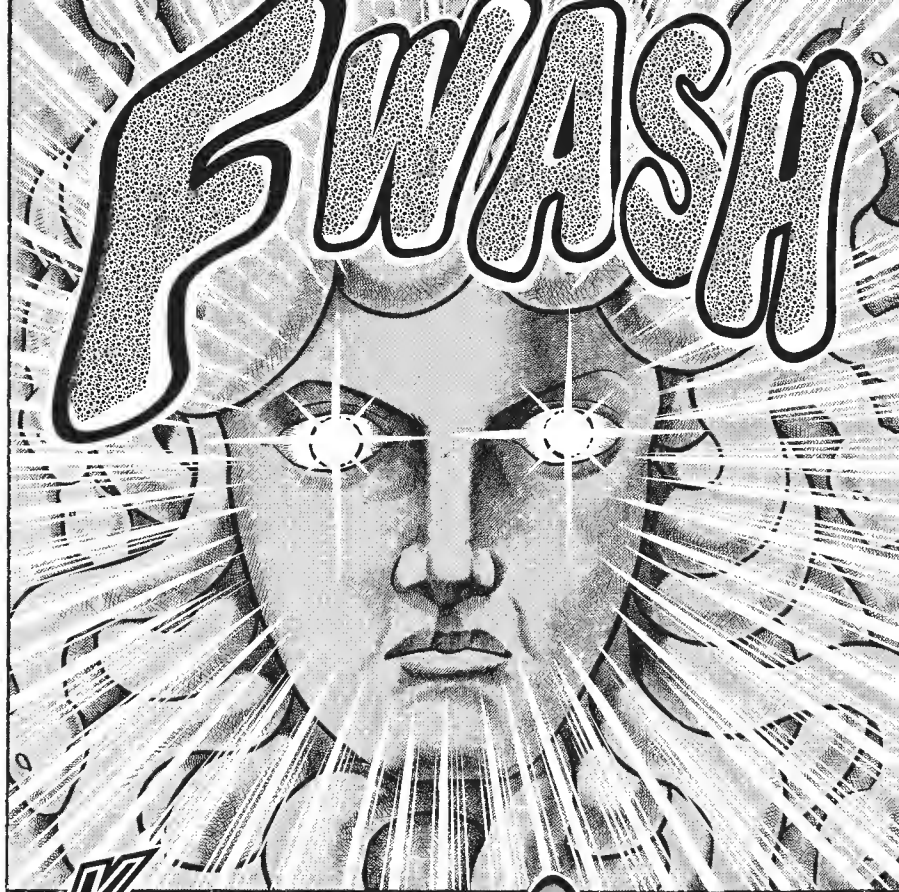
YOU WILL
ALL BE
TURNED TO
STONE AS
WELL!!

NOW
LOOK
UPON
MEDUSA!!

WHAT?!

DON'T
LOOK
AT
THAT
SHIELD
!!

UNH!
DON'T
LOOK,
HYŌGA
!





HEH HEH
HEH... NO ONE
HAS EVER LOOKED
UPON THE MEDUSA
SHIELD AND
SURVIVED!

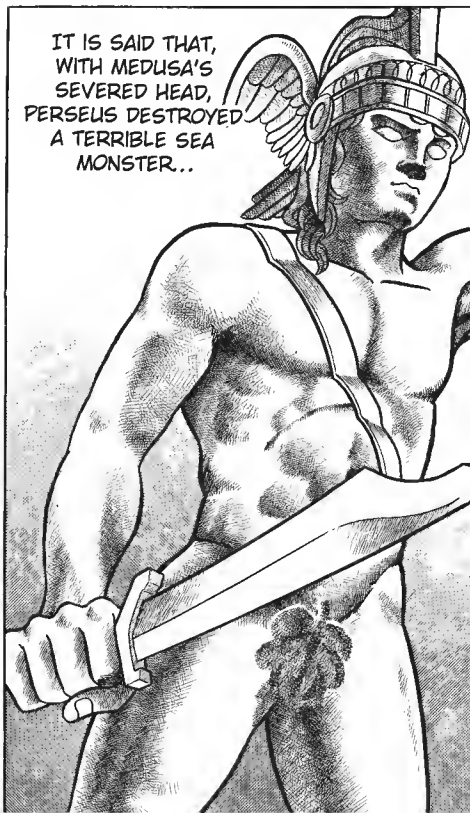
IF
ONLY
I'D
REALIZED
IT
SOONER
...

JUST
AS I
FEARED--
IT'S THE
LEGENDARY
MEDUSA
SHIELD,

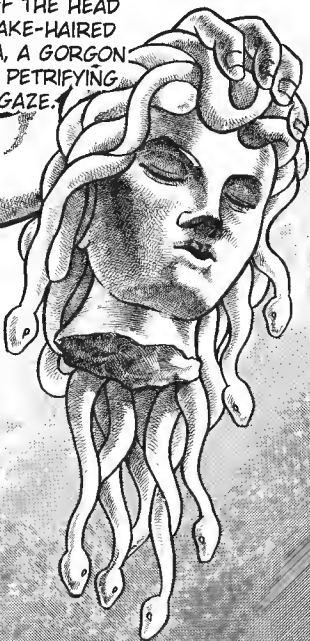
WH-
WHAT?!

THEY'VE
ALL TURNED
TO STONE
AND THEIR
SOULS
HAVE
FLED!

YOU'RE--




IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, THE HERO PERSEUS CUT OFF THE HEAD OF SNAKE-HAIRED MEDUSA, A GORGON WITH A PETRIFYING GAZE.





EVEN
MEDUSA
MAY NOT
WORK
AGAINST
MY DRAGON
SHIELD,
YOU
KNOW
!!

YOU THINK
YOU CAN,
PERSEUS?




NOW THE
PERSEUS KNIGHT
HAS TRANSFORMED
MEDUSA'S HEAD
INTO A SHIELD
AND HARNESSSED
HER PETRIFYING
POWER.

ROSHI
WARNED ME
OF THIS
ONCE.



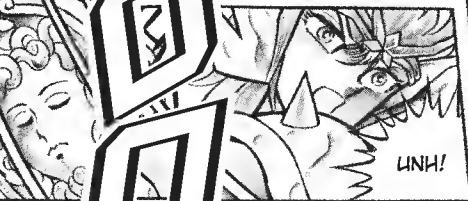
ROSHI? SO
YOU'RE A
DISCIPLE OF
THE FAMED
ROSHI OF MT.
GOROHO...

THOUGH YOU'RE
ONLY A BRONZE
KNIGHT, YOU'RE
A WORTHY ENEMY.
BUT I MUST STILL
TURN YOU INTO A
STATUE.



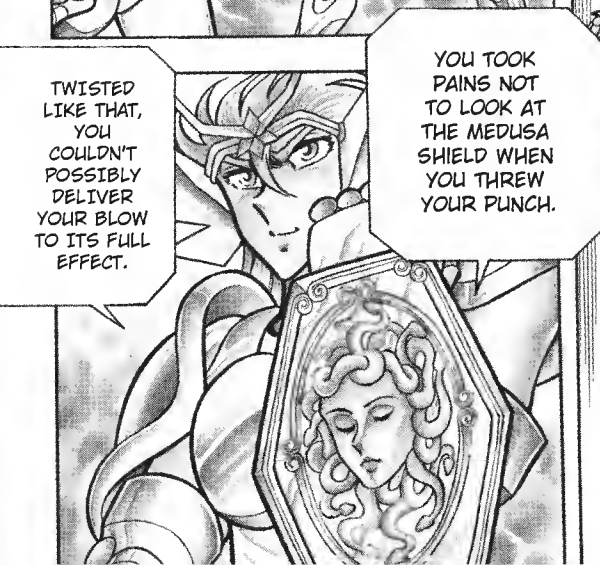
WHICH IS
MORE POWERFUL,
THE DRAGON
SHIELD OR THE
MEDUSA SHIELD?

TAKE THIS--
THE DRAGON'S
ULTIMATE SECRET
MOVE...





**RISEING
DRAGON
BLOW!!**





GO AHEAD--
PERFORM
YOUR
RISING
DRAGON
BLOW
PROPERLY
!

STRIKE THE
MEDUSA
SHIELD
HEAD-ON!!



HEH,
WHAT'S
WRONG
?



LIHH!



IF
YOU'RE
SCARED,
I'LL COME
TO YOU!!



UGH!

THAT
ATTACK
SHOULD HAVE
BROKEN
EVERY BONE
IN YOUR
BODY.

THE
DRAGON
SHIELD
IS AS
STRONG
AS THEY
SAY.

YOU CAN'T
HIDE IN THE
SHADOW OF
YOUR SHIELD
FOREVER!

BUT IT'S
ONLY A
MATTER OF
TIME!

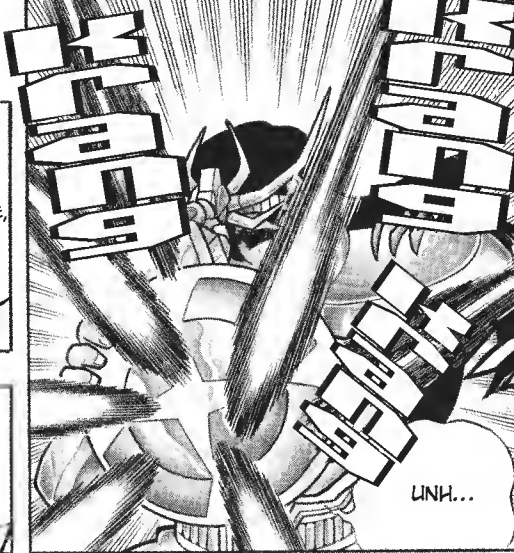


I'VE GOT
TO GO
ON THE
ATTACK
...

HE'S
RIGHT...
IF I STAY
ON THE
DEFENSIVE,
I'LL LOSE
FOR
SURE.



AHA!



UNH...

SO HE LOOKED AT
HER REFLECTION IN
HIS SHIELD AND CUT
OFF HER HEAD...



THAT'S IT! WHEN THE
ORIGINAL PERSEUS
CUT OFF MEDUSA'S
HEAD, HE KNEW HE
WOULD BE TURNED
TO STONE IF HE
LOOKED AT HER
DIRECTLY.

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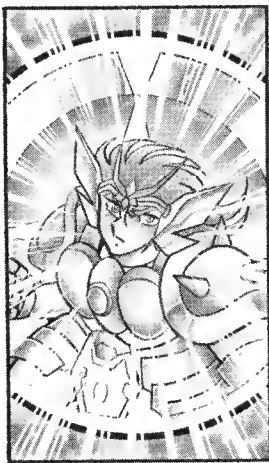
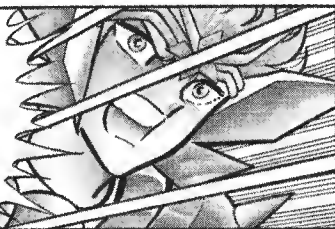
I'M
GOING
ON THE
OFFENSIVE
!

HUFF



I'LL DO
AS YOU SAY,
ARGOL.
I WON'T
HIDE BEHIND
MY SHIELD
ANYMORE.

FOOL! DON'T
YOU KNOW
THAT YOU CAN
ONLY ATTACK
EFFECTIVELY
IF YOU LOOK
DIRECTLY AT
YOUR
OPPONENT?!



PERSEUS'S
REFLECTION
DISAPPEARED!!

WH-
WHAT?!






**GORGON'S
KICK!!**



**AH HA
HA HA...
UP HERE,
SHIRYŪ!**

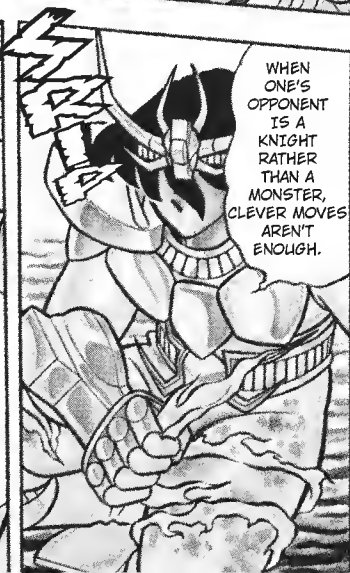
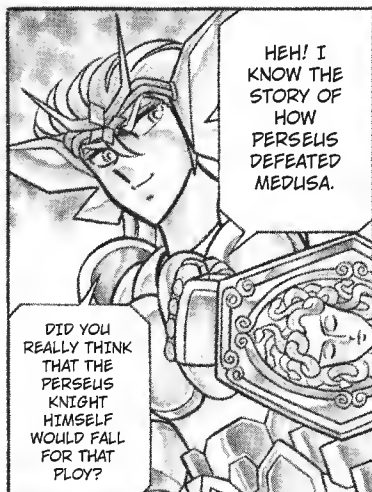


**YOU'LL
NEVER GET
YOUR SHIELD
UP IN TIME!
YOU'RE
FINISHED!**



UNH!





COME,
THEN!
COME
STRAIGHT
AT ME,
SHIRYŪ!



BUT YOU'RE
ONLY PRO-
LONGING
YOUR
SUFFERING!

NOW
THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
SEE THE
MEDUSA
SHIELD!



THANKS TO
THE STRENGTH
OF THE DRAGON
CLOTH, NOT
EVEN MY
GORGON'S KICK
COULD MORTALLY
INJURE YOU.



GRAAH!



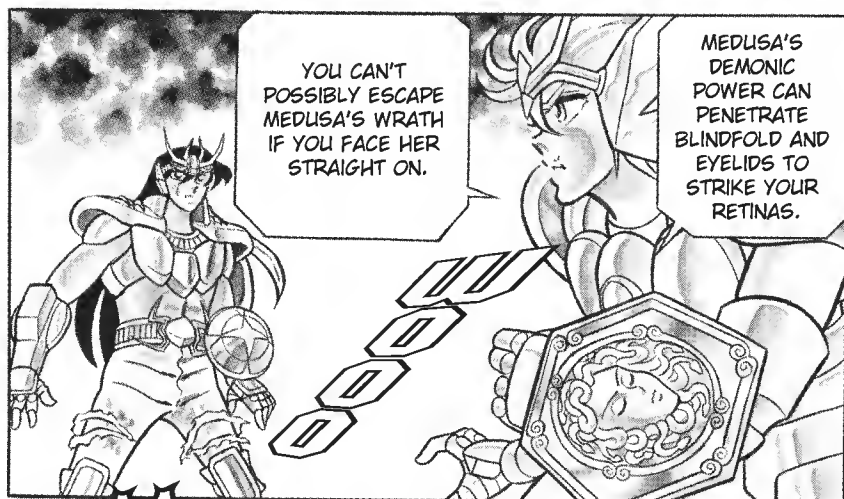
ALL RIGHT!
HERE I
COME!



WH-
WHAT?!

UNH!

THE LEFT
HALF OF MY
BODY HAS
TURNED TO
STONE!!

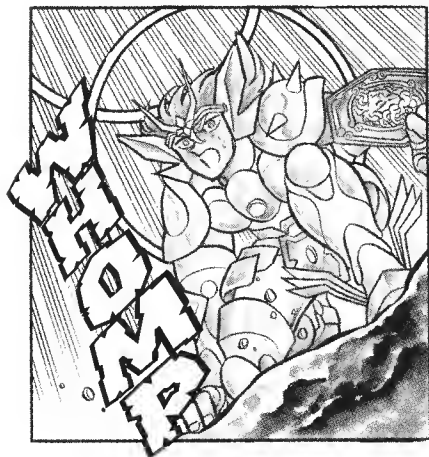




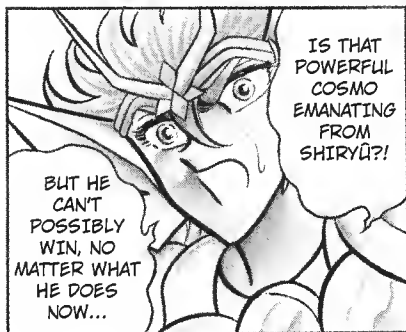
HUH!



WUP



KOHOM



BUT HE
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
WIN, NO
MATTER WHAT
HE DOES
NOW...

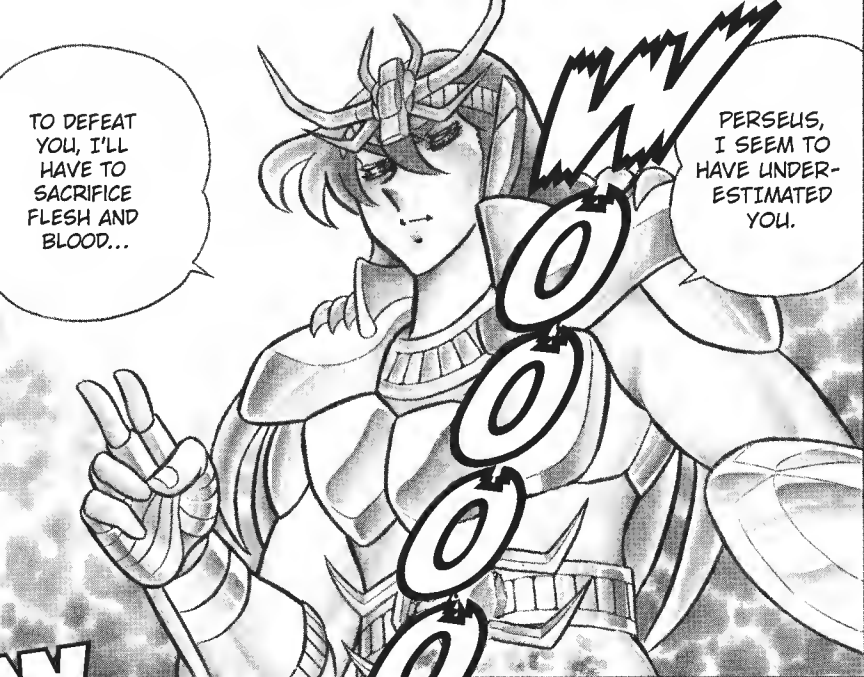
IS THAT
POWERFUL
COSMO
EMANATING
FROM
SHIRYŪ?!



NO, I'LL
STRIKE THE
MORTAL BLOW
WITH THE
GORGON'S KICK
WHILE YOU'RE
STILL HALF-
FLESHED!!



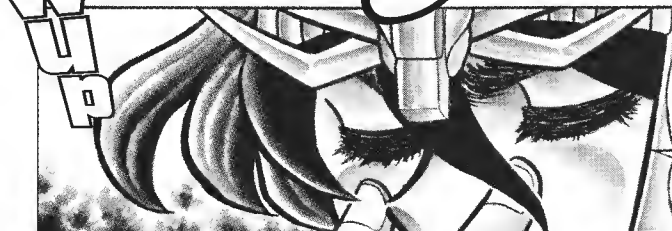
KOHOM



TO DEFEAT
YOU, I'LL
HAVE TO
SACRIFICE
FLESH AND
BLOOD...

PERSEUS,
I SEEM TO
HAVE UNDER-
ESTIMATED
YOU.


WUP



THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY
TO NEUTRALIZE
THE MEDUSA
SHIELD!



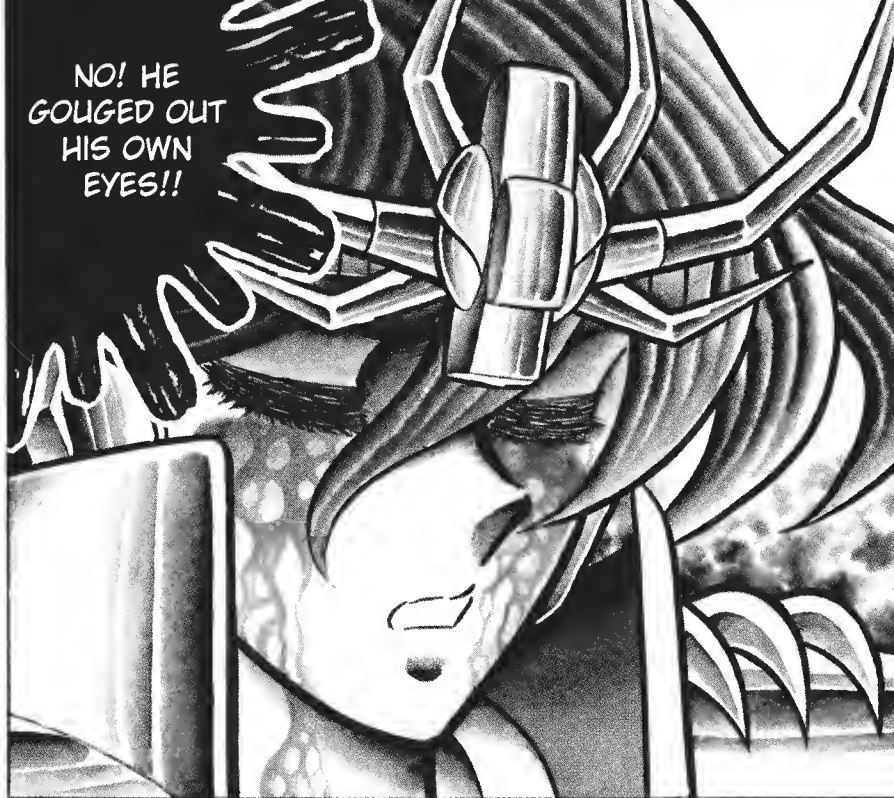
WH-
WHAT?!



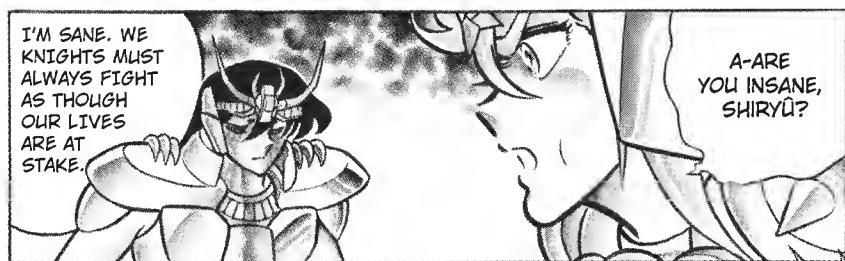
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CRASH



NO! HE
GOLGED OUT
HIS OWN
EYES!!



I'M SANE. WE
KNIGHTS MUST
ALWAYS FIGHT
AS THOUGH
OUR LIVES
ARE AT
STAKE.

A-ARE
YOU INSANE,
SHIRYŪ?



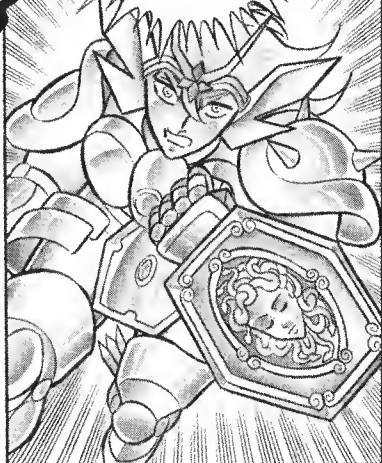
THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!
THAT WAS
A HOPELESS
ACT OF
DESPER-
ATION!

THIS
DRAGON
STILL HAS
ONE FIST!

NOW
COME,
ARGOL!

**RISE
DRAGON
BLOW!!**

THEN TAKE
THIS! WE'LL
FIND OUT
WHETHER
THE MEDUSA
SHIELD WORKS
AGAINST THE
BLIND!!



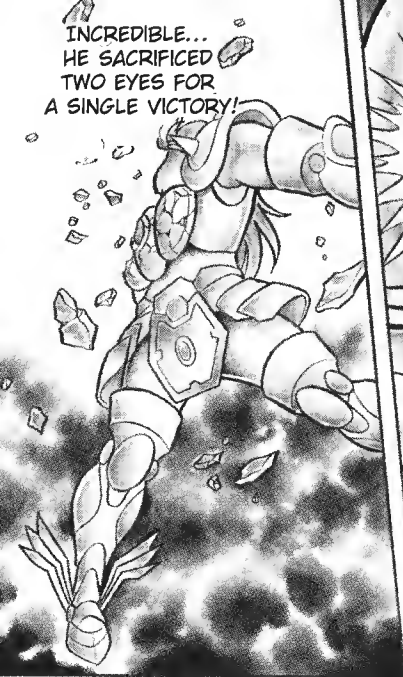
NOT
MEDUSA'S
FACE, BUT
THE
GODDESS
OF
VICTORY
!!

I
SEE
IT!!





INCREDIBLE...
HE SACRIFICED
TWO EYES FOR
A SINGLE VICTORY!



WHA...

...SUCH
A MAN
BEFORE.

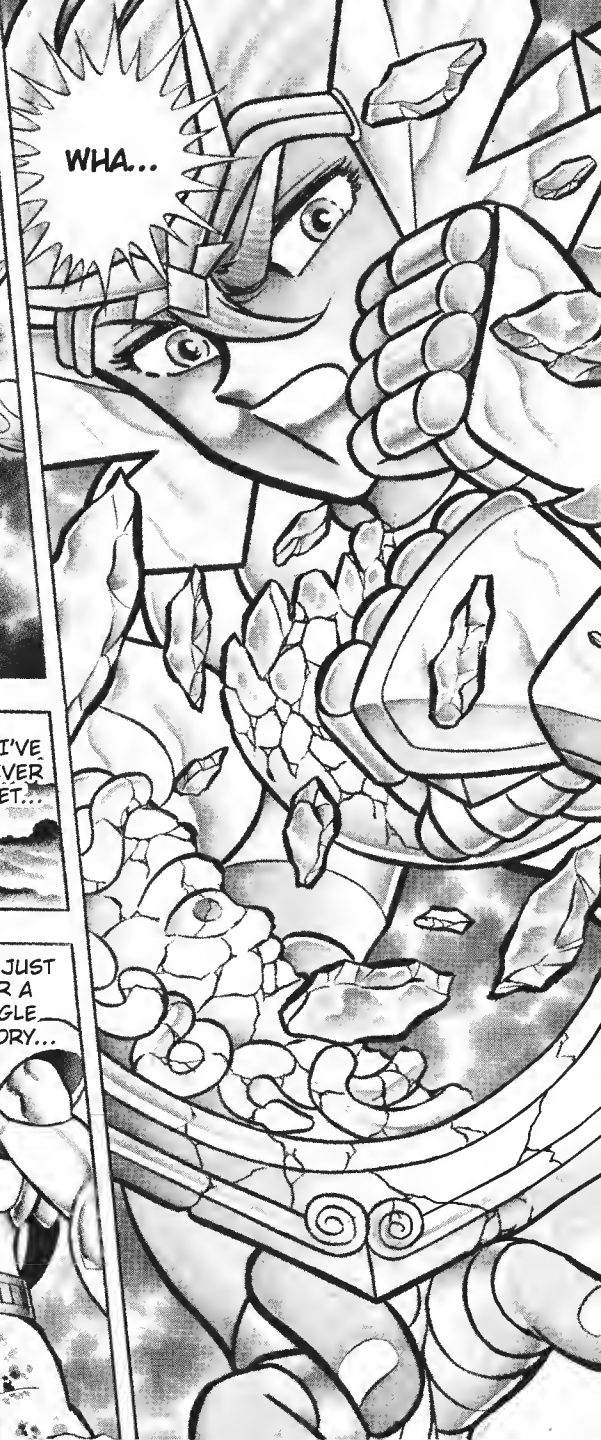


I-I'VE
NEVER
MET...

...BUT FOR A
MAGNIFICENT
FUTURE,
ARGOL.



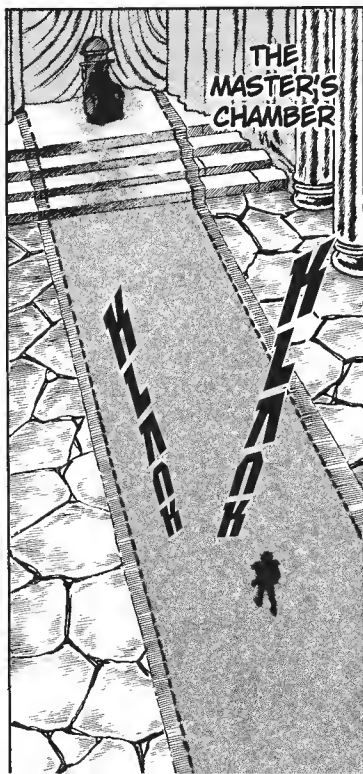
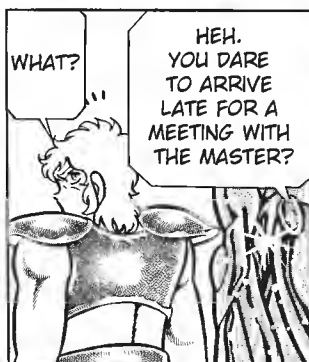
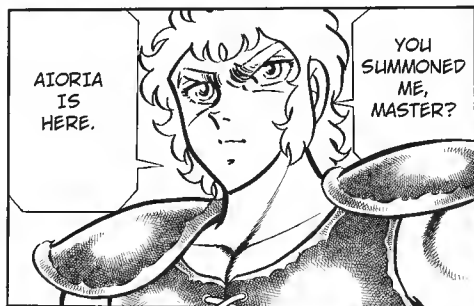
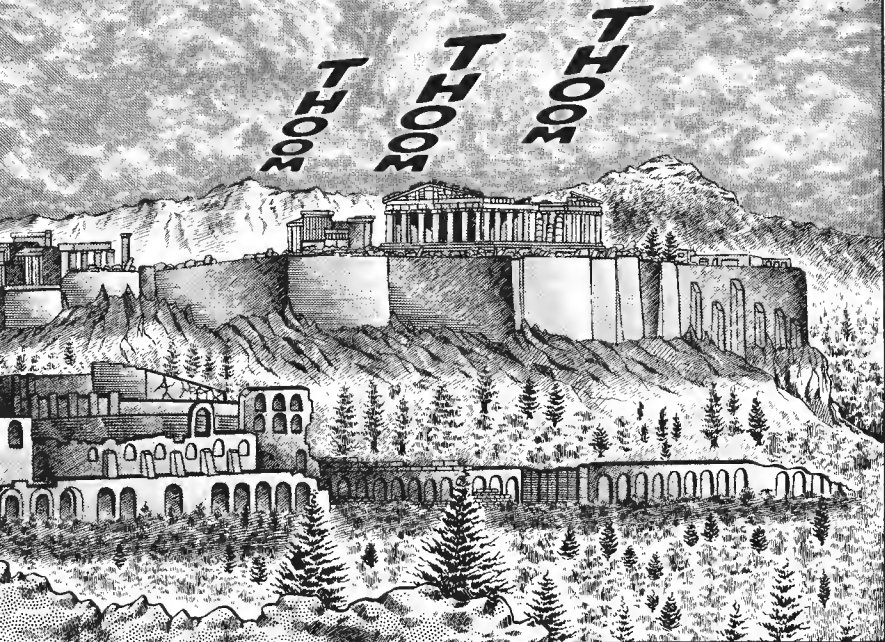
NOT JUST
FOR A
SINGLE
VICTORY...





GREECE!
SANCTUARY

LEO
AIORIA'S
CHALLENGE



...
A
GOLD
KNIGHT
!



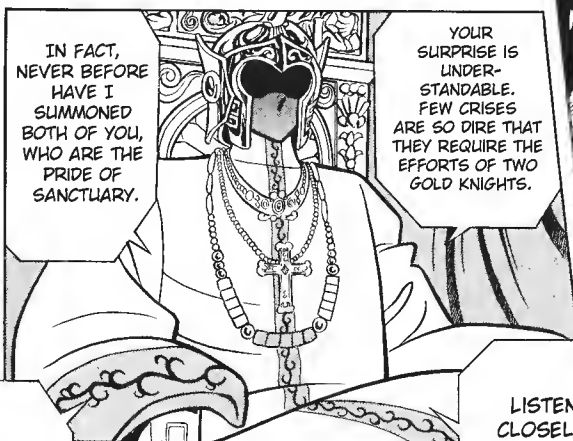


MASTER,
WHAT IS
THIS?!



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

**YOU'RE
SCORPIO
MIRO!!**

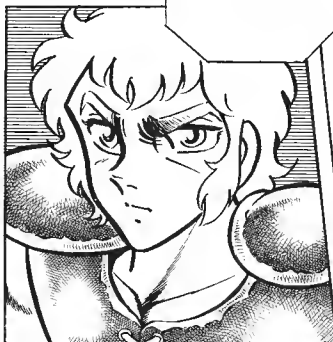


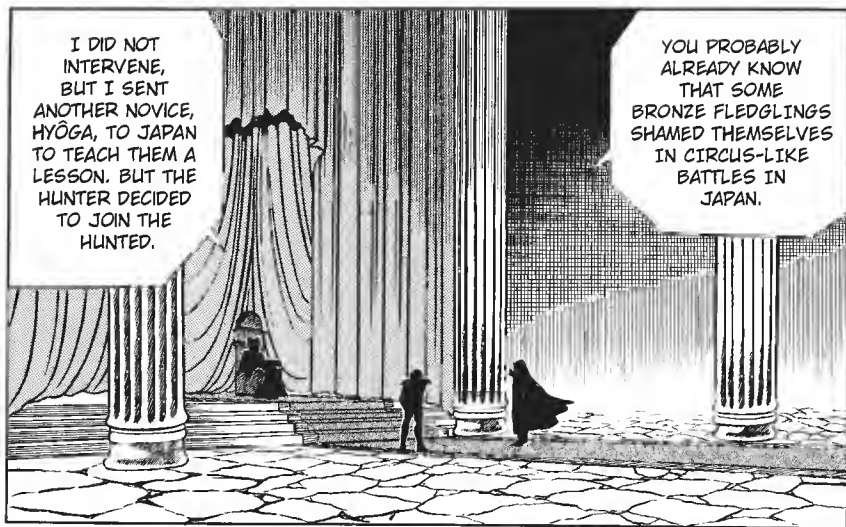
IN FACT,
NEVER BEFORE
HAVE I
SUMMONED
BOTH OF YOU,
WHO ARE THE
PRIDE OF
SANCTUARY.

YOUR
SURPRISE IS
UNDER-
STANDABLE.
FEW CRISES
ARE SO DIRE THAT
THEY REQUIRE THE
EFFORTS OF TWO
GOLD KNIGHTS.

LISTEN,
SCORPIO
MIRO!

LISTEN
CLOSELY,
LEO AIORIA!





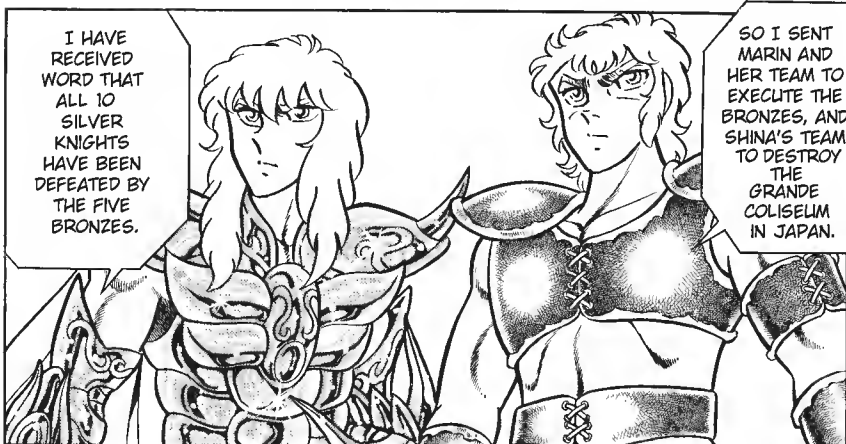
I DID NOT INTERVENE, BUT I SENT ANOTHER NOVICE, HYÔGA, TO JAPAN TO TEACH THEM A LESSON. BUT THE HUNTER DECIDED TO JOIN THE HUNTED.

YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THAT SOME BRONZE FLEDGLINGS SHAMED THEMSELVES IN CIRCUS-LIKE BATTLES IN JAPAN.



...AND DID THE UNTHINKABLE, PITTING THE BRONZES AGAINST THE BLACKS IN DEATH MATCHES FOR THE GOLD CLOTH. THIS WAS A TRAVESTY I COULD NOT TOLERATE.

THEN IKKI, THE COMMANDER OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS OF DEATH QUEEN ISLAND, APPEARED...



I HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT ALL 10 SILVER KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY THE FIVE BRONZES.

SO I SENT MARIN AND HER TEAM TO EXECUTE THE BRONZES, AND SHINA'S TEAM TO DESTROY THE GRANDE COLISEUM IN JAPAN.

MY
BEAUTY
IS TRULY
GODLIKE.

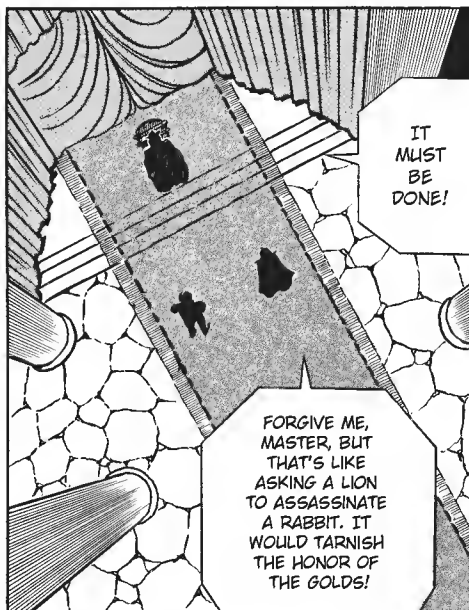
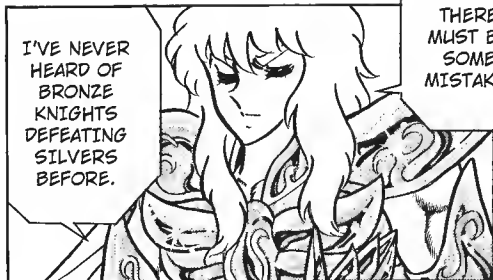
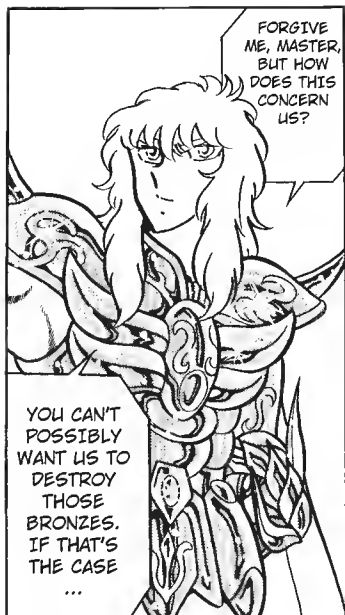
TEN
SILVER
KNIGHTS...

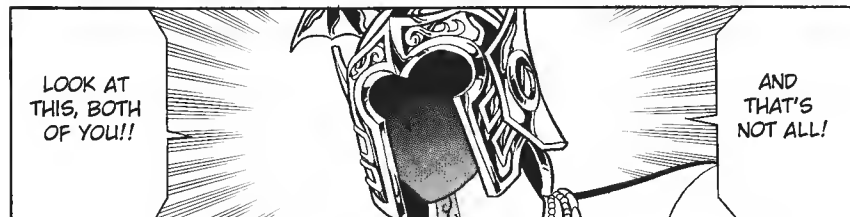
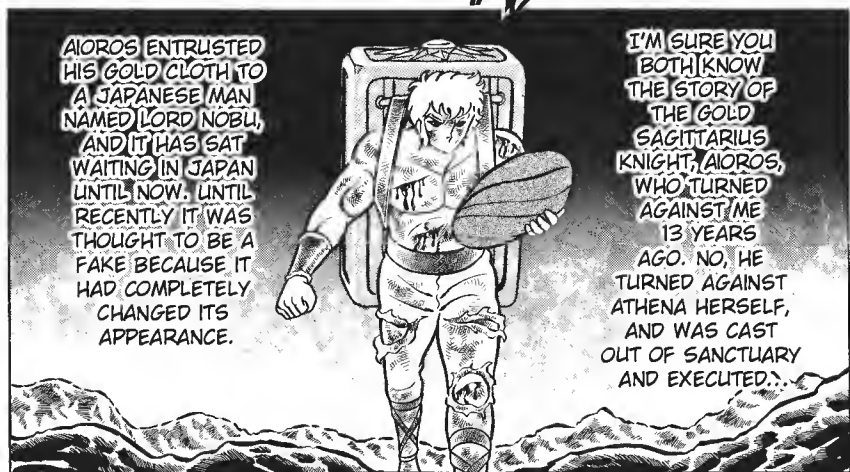
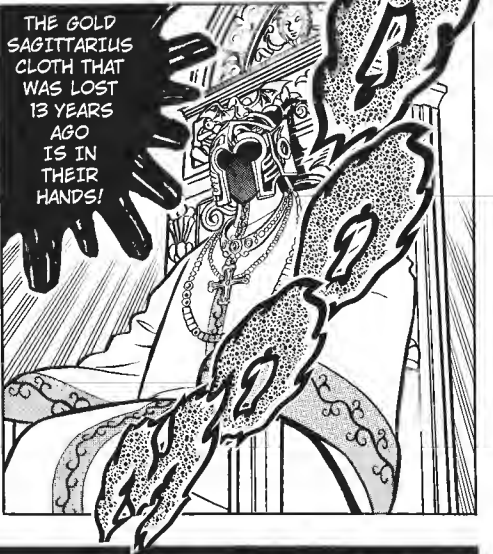
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I LEFT YO
VITALS INT
YOU'LL
IT BAG
SANG

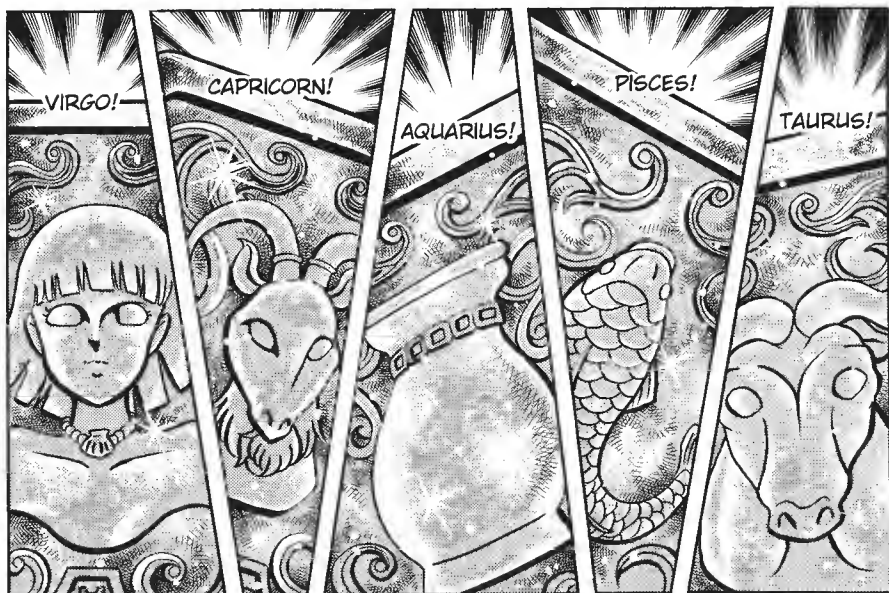
...WERE
DEFEATED BY
FIVE BRONZE
KNIGHTS?

YES, BY
ONLY FIVE
BRONZE
KNIGHTS!!

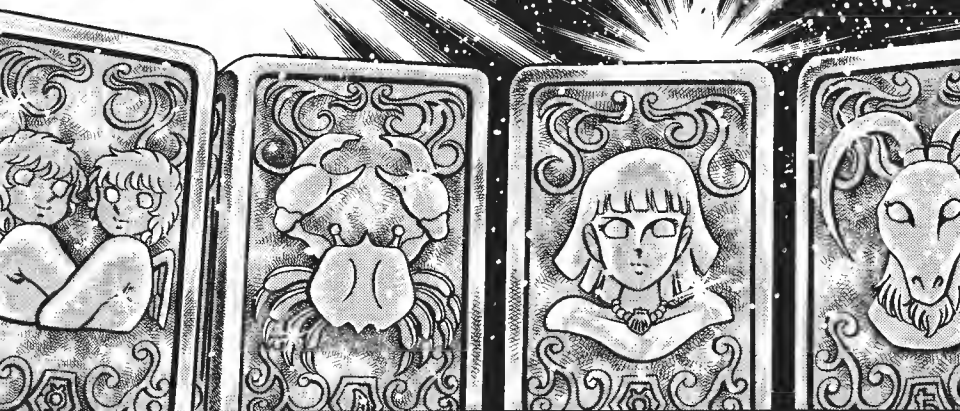
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SEVEN GOLD CLOTH BOXES!!



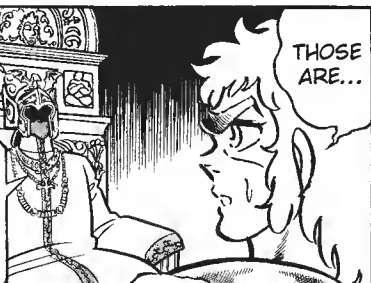
BUT TWO
GOLD KNIGHTS
CONSPIRED WITH
AIOROS AND
BETRAYED
SANCTUARY
13 YEARS
AGO, AND
REMAIN AT
LARGE.



THAT'S RIGHT.
INCLUDING THE
TWO OF YOU,
NINE GOLD
KNIGHTS HAVE
PLEDGED
THEMSELVES
TO ATHENA.

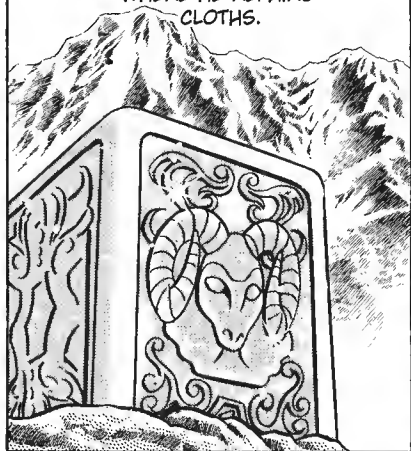


THE TWO
MISSING
BOXES,
LIBRA
AND
ARIES.

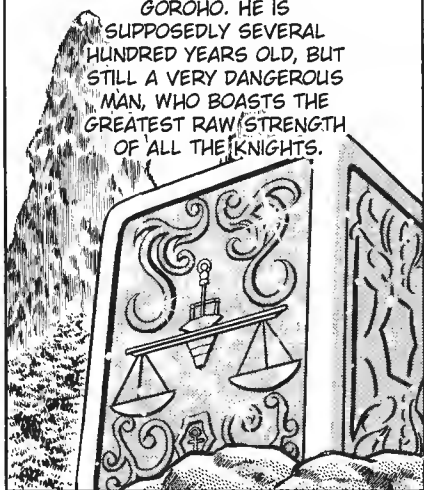


THOSE
ARE...

THE GOLD ARIES KNIGHT
LIVES IN A MYSTERIOUS
REGION ON THE BORDER
OF INDIA AND CHINA, FAR
FROM HUMAN SOCIETY,
WHERE HE REPAIRS
CLOTHS.



I HAVE HEARD THAT THE
GOLD LIBRA KNIGHT IS
SOMEWHERE IN THE
VICINITY OF CHINA'S MT.
GOROHO. HE IS
SUPPOSEDLY SEVERAL
HUNDRED YEARS OLD, BUT
STILL A VERY DANGEROUS
MAN, WHO BOASTS THE
GREATEST RAW STRENGTH
OF ALL THE KNIGHTS.



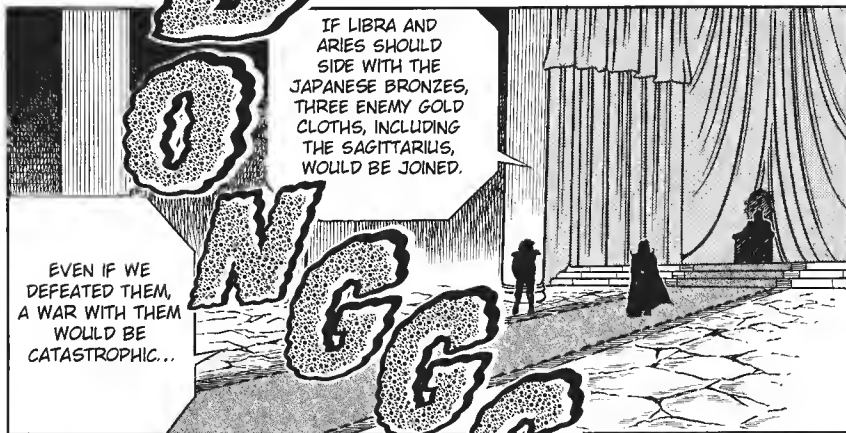
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
THIS IS NO
LONGER JUST
ABOUT THE
GOLD CLOTH IN
JAPAN.

THESE TWO HAVE
NOT RESPONDED
TO ANY SUMMONS
FROM SANCTUARY
THESE PAST
13 YEARS,
CLEARLY INDICATING
THEIR TREASONOUS
INTENTIONS TOWARD
ATHENA.

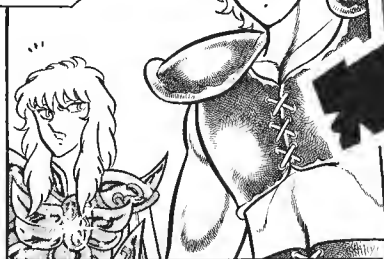
IF LIBRA AND
ARIES SHOULD
SIDE WITH THE
JAPANESE BRONZES,
THREE ENEMY GOLD
CLOTHS, INCLUDING
THE SAGITTARIUS,
WOULD BE JOINED.

EVEN IF WE
DEFEATED THEM,
A WAR WITH THEM
WOULD BE
CATASTROPHIC...

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WE
UNDER-
STAND,
MASTER.

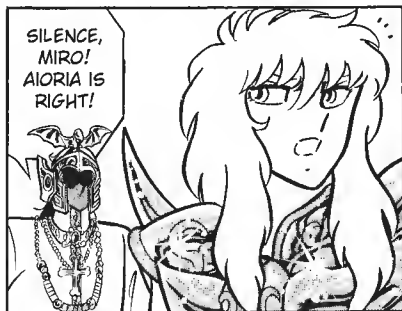


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BUT, WHATEVER
THE REASON, IF
IT TOOK TWO
GOLDS TO TOPPLE
THOSE LOWLY
BRONZES, WE'D
BE THE
LAUGHINGSTOCK
OF KNIGHTS
EVERYWHERE.

THE TWO OF
YOU WILL
VISIT DIVINE
RETRIBUTION
UPON THOSE
WHO PLOT
AGAINST
ATHENA!

SILENCE,
MIRO!
AIORIA IS
RIGHT!

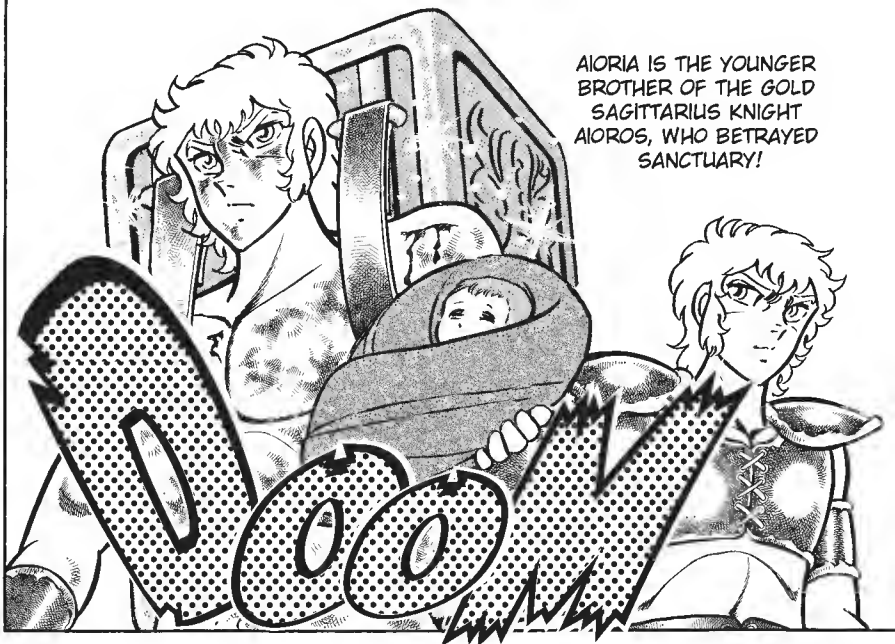


BUT,
MASTER,
YOU'RE
SENDING
HIM, OF
ALL
PEOPLE?



BUT,
AIORIA
...





AIORIA IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS KNIGHT AIOROS, WHO BETRAYED SANCTUARY!



THAT MAKES HIM THE PERFECT CHOICE!

AIORIA'S HEART BURNS WITH LOYALTY FOR ATHENA, AND HE IS ONE OF YOUR STRONGEST KNIGHTS, BUT HOW CAN WE BE SURE...



AND IF AIORIA SHOULD HAPPEN TO DIE, WE TAKE CARE OF TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

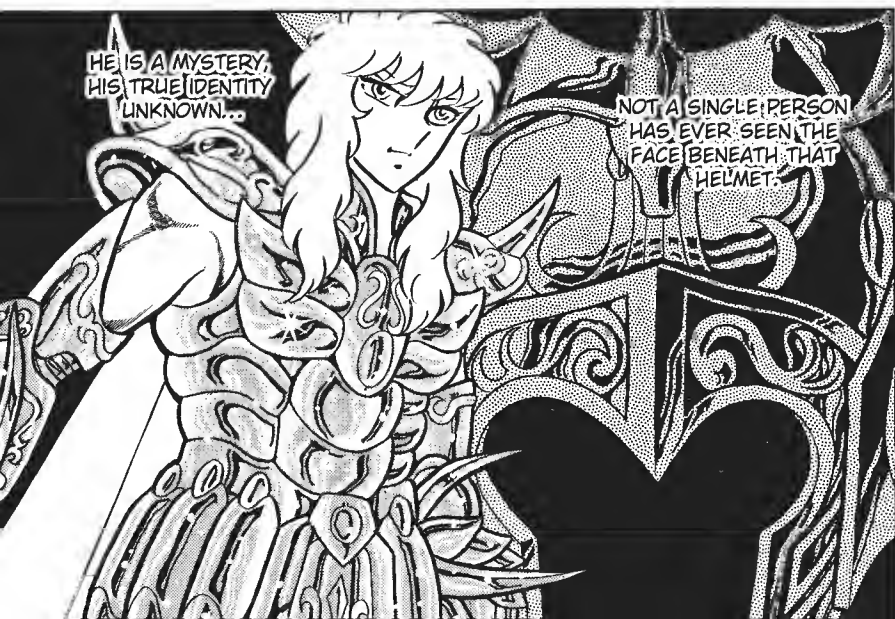
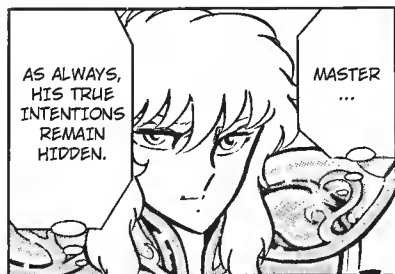


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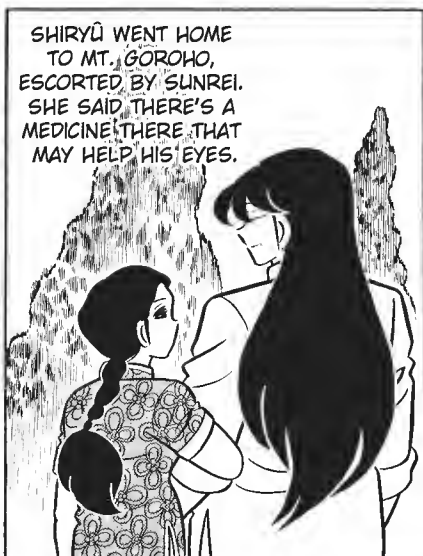


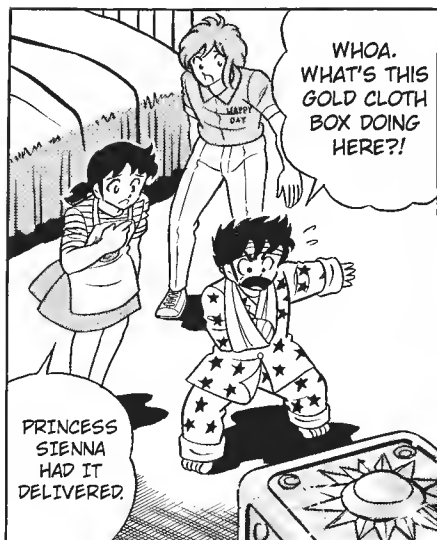
FOR 13 YEARS, AIORIA HAS SWALLOWED BITTER TEARS AS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF A TRAITOR.

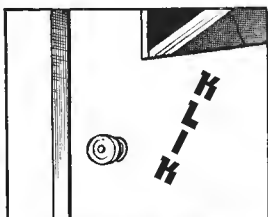
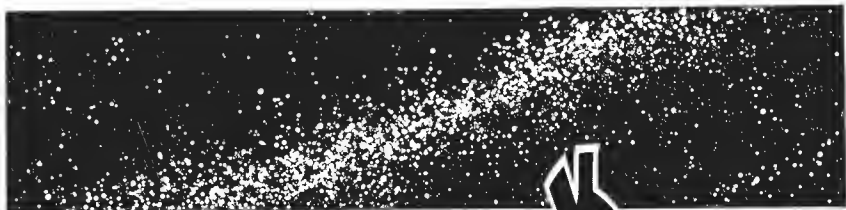
THIS IS HIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN THE STAIN OF TREACHERY FROM HIS NAME BY RETURNING THE GOLD CLOTH HIS BROTHER STOLE.











SLASH



WASH





YOU'RE STILL IN JAPAN?!

SH-SHINA!

OF COURSE. A DEFEATED SILVER KNIGHT CAN'T RETURN TO SANCTUARY IN SHAME.



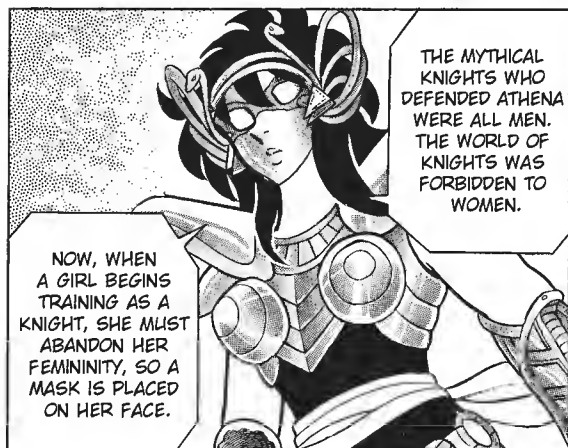
WHOA! WHAT THE HECK?!

SEIYA!



WHY DO YOU NURSE SUCH A GRUDGE AGAINST ME? GET A LIFE!

I MUST AT LEAST GO HOME SWINGING YOUR HEAD.



NOW, WHEN A GIRL BEGINS TRAINING AS A KNIGHT, SHE MUST ABANDON HER FEMININITY, SO A MASK IS PLACED ON HER FACE.

THE MYTHICAL KNIGHTS WHO DEFENDED ATHENA WERE ALL MEN. THE WORLD OF KNIGHTS WAS FORBIDDEN TO WOMEN.



YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHY I PICK ON YOU, SEIYA?

SEIYA, YOU
WERE THE
FIRST MAN
EVER TO SEE
MY FACE.

A FEMALE
KNIGHT WOULD
RATHER BE SEEN
NAKED THAN
WITHOUT HER
MASK.

WE MUST
KILL HIM,
OR...

FOR US, THERE
ARE ONLY TWO
CHOICES WHEN
A MAN HAS BEEN
BEHIND OUR
MASKS.

THE TIME
FOR TALK
IS OVER!

OR
WHAT
?!

YEAH
?

I'LL SEND
YOU TO THE
AFTERLIFE,
SEIYA, WITH
THE THUNDER
COBRA!!

THAT
ISN'T
POSSIBLE
FOR YOU
AND ME...

NEVER
MIND!





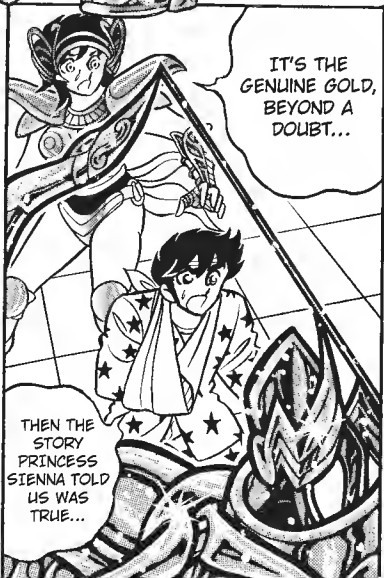
SO THIS IS
THE TRUE FORM
OF THE GOLD
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH!!



WHOA!

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WHOSE
COSMO IS
THAT?!



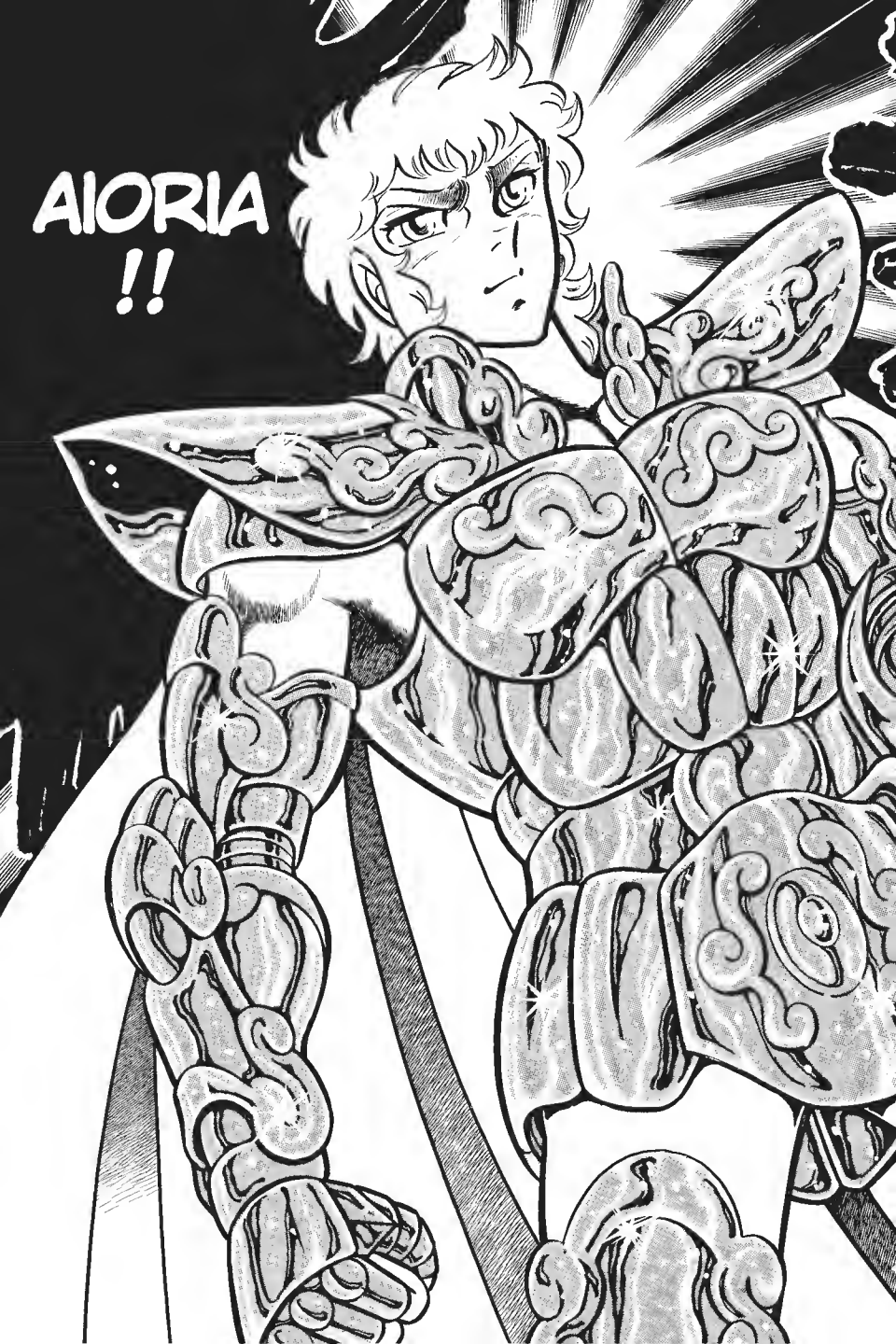
IT'S THE
GENUINE GOLD,
BEYOND A
DOUBT...

THEN THE
STORY
PRINCESS
SIENNA TOLD
US WAS
TRUE...

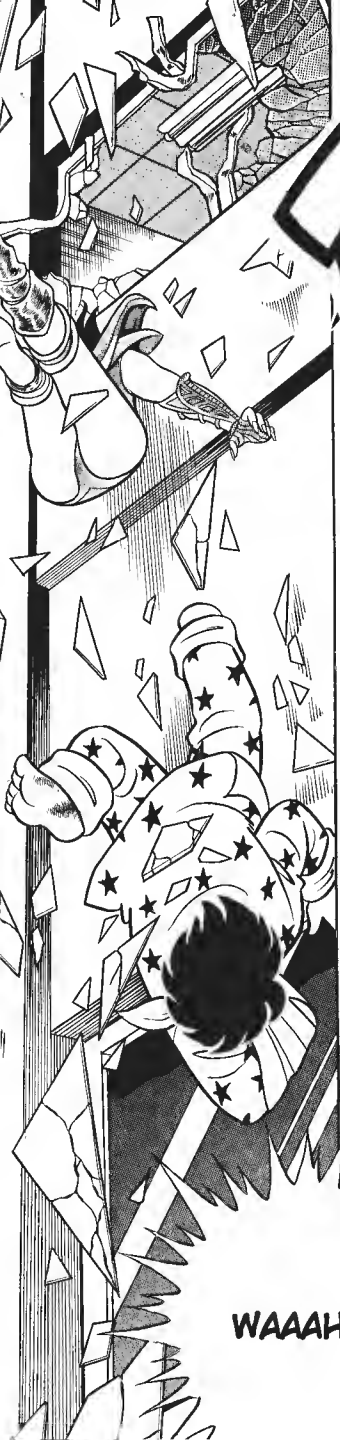
THE GOLD LEO KNIGHT!



AIORIA
!!







WAAAH!



WHAT
THE--?!

UHH!

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IMPOS-
SIBLE!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON HERE
?!

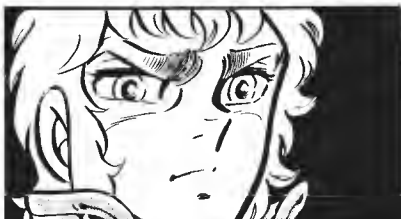


WE'RE
BEING
MANIPLI-
LATED
BY AN
INVISIBLE
FORCE!



DON'T TELL
ME IT WAS
YOU WHO
HURLED US
OUT THE
WINDOW!

IT'S BEEN
SO LONG...
THIS IS NO
WAY TO TREAT
ME!



WH-
WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT?!



SHINA?

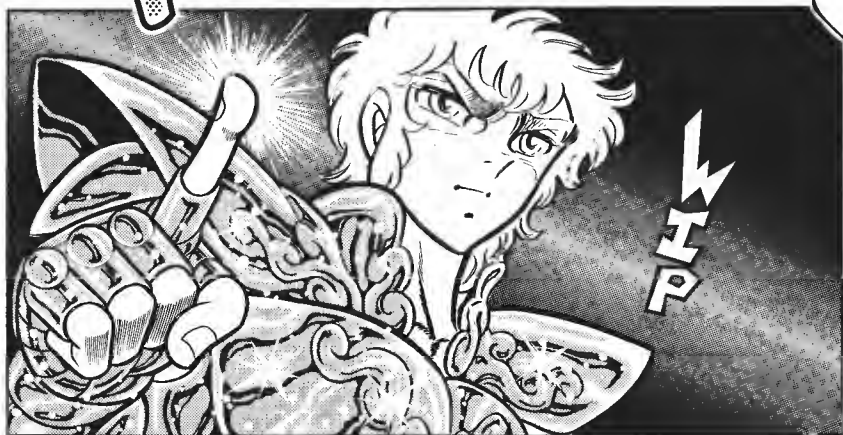
...OR
YOU
COULD
GET
INJURED
TOO.

STEP
ASIDE,
SHINA...

AIORIA,
LEAVE SEIYA
TO ME.

P-
PLEASE,
AIORIA!

I'LL DO
HIM IN
...
YOU
NEEDN'T
...



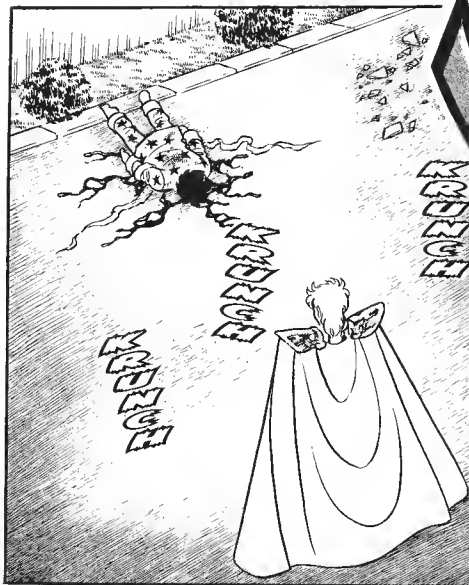
WH-
WHAT
THE--
?!



AIORIA'S FINGER
FLASHED FOR
JUST AN INSTANT...
HOW COULD IT
DO SO MUCH
DAMAGE?

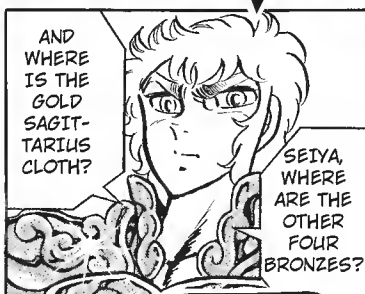
NO WAY!
WHAT HIT
ME?





I HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO FIGHT
EVEN YOU, MY
ESTEEMED
ELDER FROM
SANCTUARY
...

I-IN
THAT CASE,
I CAN'T
SURRENDER
...



AND
WHERE
IS THE
GOLD
SAGIT-
TARIUS
CLOTH?

SEIYA,
WHERE
ARE THE
OTHER
FOUR
BRONZES?



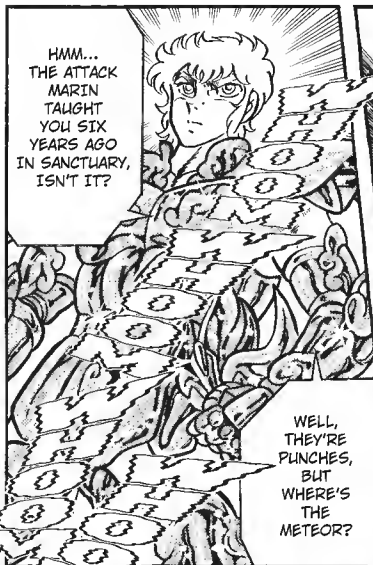
THE MASTER
SENT YOU
TO KILL
US, JUST
LIKE HE
DID THE
SILVERS
...

I
SEE
...



BUT WHERE
ARE THE
FOUR BRONZES
AND THE
GOLD
CLOTH?

DON'T,
SEIYA.
FOR OLD
TIMES'
SAKE, I'LL
SPARE YOU.



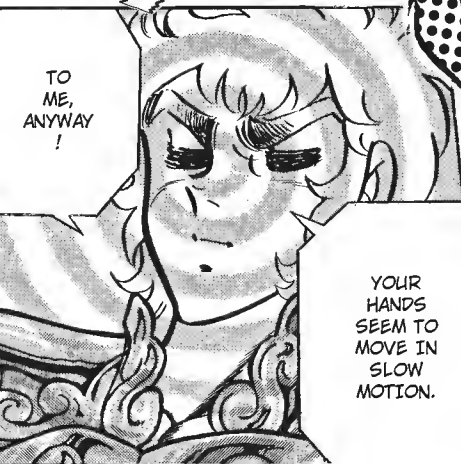
HMM...
THE ATTACK
MARIN
TAUGHT
YOU SIX
YEARS AGO
IN SANCTUARY,
ISN'T IT?

WELL,
THEY'RE
PUNCHES,
BUT
WHERE'S
THE
METEOR?



YOU REALLY
THINK I'D
SELL OUT
MY BROTHERS
TO SAVE
MYSELF?!

**PEGASUS
METEOR
PUNCH!!**



TO
ME,
ANYWAY
!

YOUR
HANDS
SEEM TO
MOVE IN
SLOW
MOTION.



WH-
WHAT?



HOW'S
HE
DOING
THAT
?

THE
METEOR
PUNCHES
ARE PASSING
RIGHT
THROUGH
HIM!



...
FAST
ENOUGH
TO CIRCLE
THE EARTH
SEVEN
AND A
HALF
TIMES!

WE CAN
MOVE AT
NEARLY
186,000
MILES
PER
SECOND
...



IMPOS-
SIBLE!
THAT'S
ALMOST
...

WH-WHAT?
SEVEN AND
A HALF
TIMES IN
ONE
SECOND?



YOU
BRONZES
CAN ONLY
REACH MACH 1.
THE SILVERS,
MACH 2 TO 5.
FLAIL ABOUT
ALL YOU
LIKE, BUT
YOU'RE FAR
TOO SLOW!

WE GOLDS
ARE
DIFFERENT!

THE
SPEED
OF
LIGHT!

THAT'S RIGHT!
WE KNIGHTS OF
THE GOLD CLOTH
CAN MOVE AT THE
SPEED OF LIGHT!!

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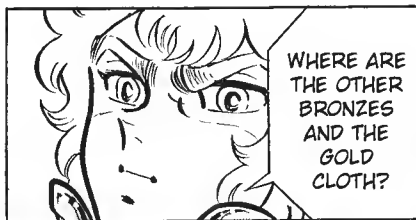
...AND
DODGE
METEOR
PUNCHES SO
EASILY. HE'S
JUST THAT
FAST...

THAT'S WHY
HE COULD
DEFEAT SHINA
AND ME WITH
ONE FINGER
...

I-I HAVE
NO CHANCE
AGAINST
HIM.
I ONLY
HAVE A
BRONZE'S
STRENGTH.
I AM
NO MATCH
FOR A
GOLD.

N-NO, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
NO MATTER
HOW HARD
I TRY, I
CAN BARELY
BREAK
MACH 1.

THERE'S
JUST NO
WAY I
CAN MOVE
FAST
ENOUGH!



WHERE ARE
THE OTHER
BRONZES
AND THE
GOLD
CLOTH?



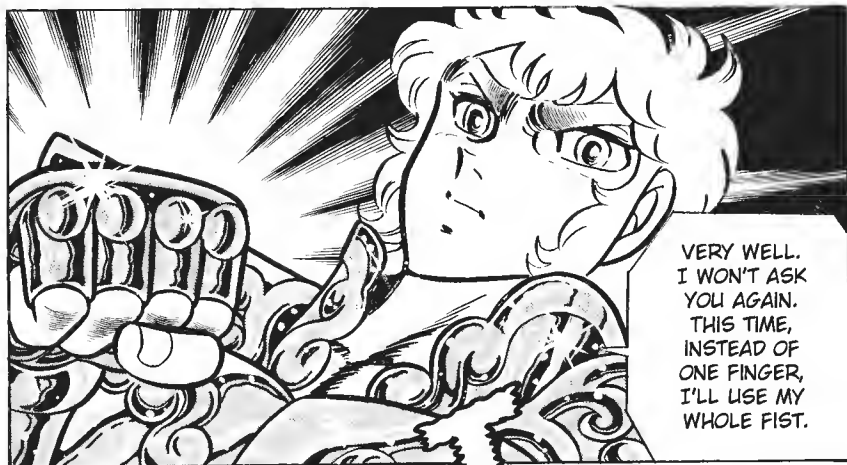
IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
KILL ME,
THEN DO
IT!

LIKE I
SAID
BEFORE,
I CAN'T
SELL OUT
MY
BROTHERS.



...SO I'LL
GIVE YOU
ONE LAST
CHANCE TO
SAVE
YOURSELF.

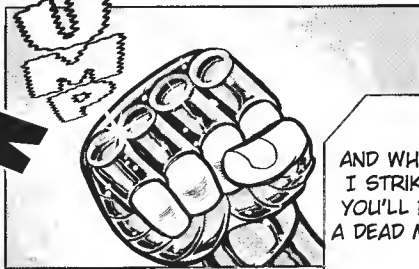
YOU FINALLY
UNDERSTAND
THE HUGE
GULF BETWEEN
BRONZES AND
GOLDS...



VERY WELL.
I WON'T ASK
YOU AGAIN.
THIS TIME,
INSTEAD OF
ONE FINGER,
I'LL USE MY
WHOLE FIST.



UHH...



AND WHEN
I STRIKE,
YOU'LL BE
A DEAD MAN.



NOW,
SEIYA,
FEEL
LEO'S
FANGS!!



HUH?!



WHAT?!

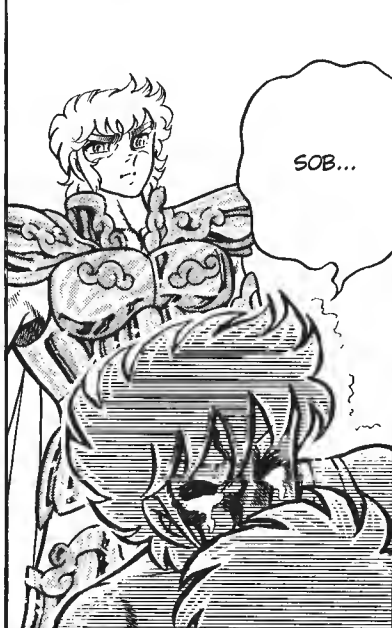
**AK
BOOM**





SHAKA

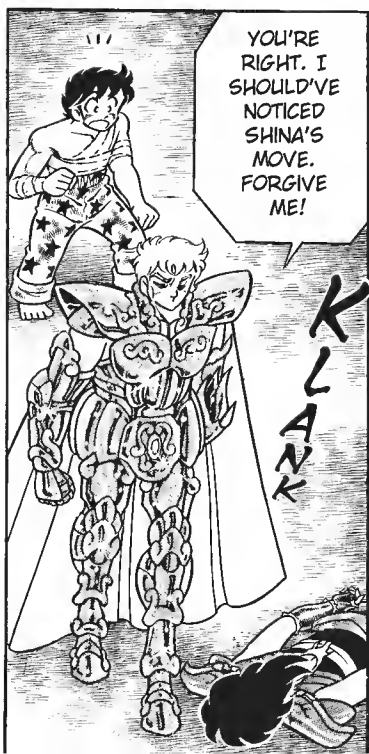
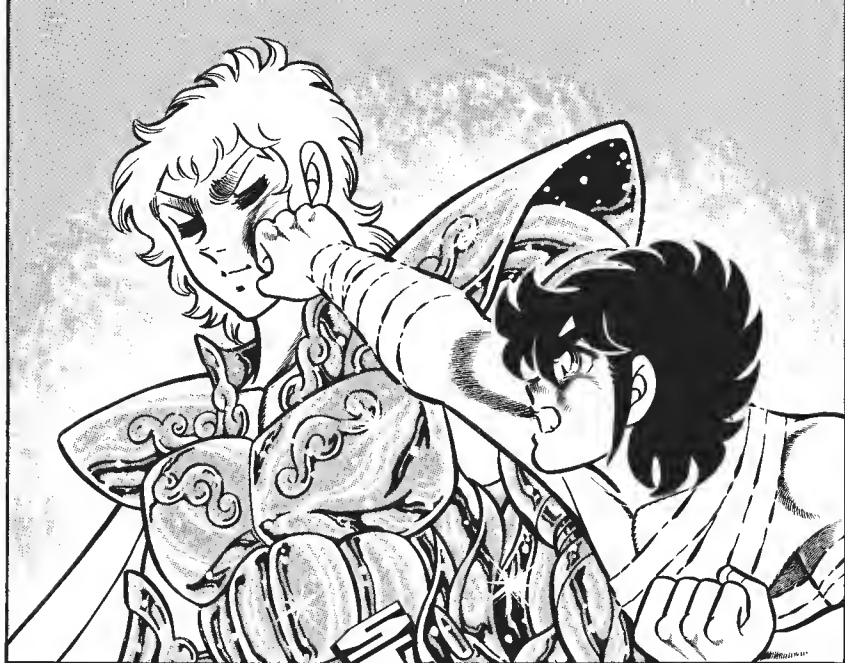






EVEN IF
IT COSTS
ME MY LIFE,
YOU'RE
GOING
DOWN!!

KAWAK



YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULD'VE NOTICED SHINA'S MOVE. FORGIVE ME!

K
L
A
N
K



WH-WHAT?



FEEL BETTER NOW, SEIYA?



THAT HURT...


OW... MY FIST...

T
H
H
O
B





I-I
KNOW,
BUT...



WHY DID YOU
VIOLATE THE
RULES OF
SANCTUARY, SEIYA?
YOU KNEW THAT
PERSONAL
BATTLES WERE
FORBIDDEN.

WITH IMMEDIATE
TREATMENT, SHE
MAY YET LIVE.
LEAVE IT TO ME,
SEIYA.



BUT
YOUR
REASONS
DON'T MATTER
NOW. I'LL
EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO TAKE
YOUR HEAD.

THE
MASTER
IS ATHENA'S
REGENT. HIS
WORD IS LAW.

A-
AIORIA...



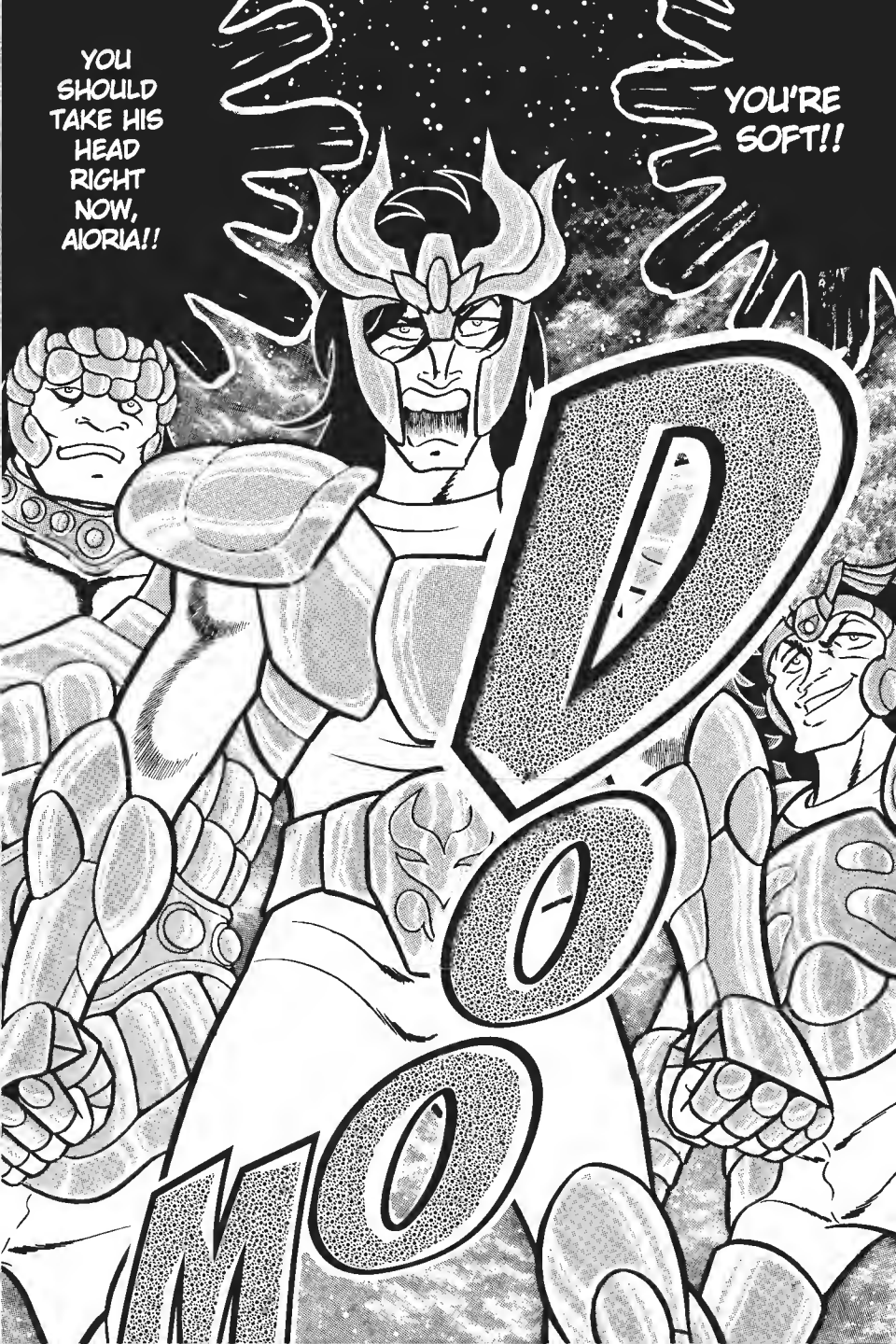
THIS IS
ONLY A
REPRIEVE,
SEIYA... A
LITTLE TIME
FOR YOUR
WOUNDS TO
HEAL.

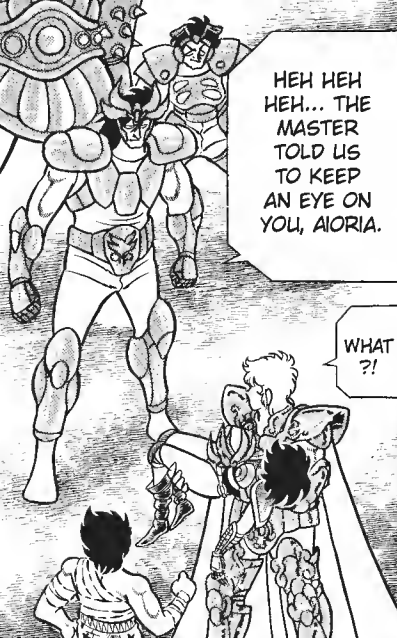


A-
AIORIA...

YOU
SHOULD
TAKE HIS
HEAD
RIGHT
NOW,
AIORIA!!

YOU'RE
SOFT!!





HEH HEH
HEH... THE
MASTER
TOLD US
TO KEEP
AN EYE ON
YOU, AIORIA.

WHAT
?!



WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF THIS?

HUH?!

SILVER
KNIGHTS!!



FOOL.

YOU'RE
THE BROTHER
OF A TRAITOR.
HOW WAS THE
MASTER TO
KNOW WHAT
YOU MIGHT
DO?



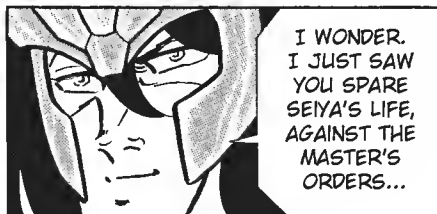
NOTHING...
BUT IF YOU
CAN'T DO IT,
WE'LL BE
GLAD TO
FINISH SEIYA
FOR YOU...

WHAT
ARE YOU
IMPLYING?



...THAT
AIORIA WILL
BRING HIM
THE HEADS
OF THE FIVE
BRONZES AND
THE GOLD
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH.

STOP
TALKING
NONSENSE.
GO TELL
THE
MASTER
...



I WONDER.
I JUST SAW
YOU SPARE
SEIYA'S LIFE,
AGAINST THE
MASTER'S
ORDERS...



**GOOD
ENOUGH!
DIE,
SEYA!**

• FROM THE GREEK
KORNEPHOROS,
MEANING "CLUB
WIELDER."



OW!

**BUT I'LL
AVENGE
THEM!**



**I STILL
CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS WHELP
TOOK OUT
MISTY AND
MORRIS.**



**BY YOUR
LEAVE, OF
COURSE,
LORD AIORIA**

**...
HEH HEH
HEH
...**





WH-WHAT?!
THIS IS EVEN
MORE POWERFUL
THAN MORRIS'S
CETUS SPOLTING
BOMBER!

MY HEAD'LL
BE
SPLATTERED
ON THE
GROUND!



WAAAHH!



HERE'S
HERCULES
ARGETHI'S
KORNE
HORSE!!





OOF!!



W

A
P



HUH?!



K

DEAD
END
FLY!!

A

B

O

O
N



DON'T
FORGET
SIRIUS,
THE CANIS
MAJOR
KNIGHT!

THAT'S ENOUGH,
BOTH OF YOU!
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY ONES WHO
WANT TO AVENGE
OUR SILVER
COMRADES!!



HEH...
THANKS
TO OUR
SPORT,
HE'S
ALREADY
HALF-DEAD.

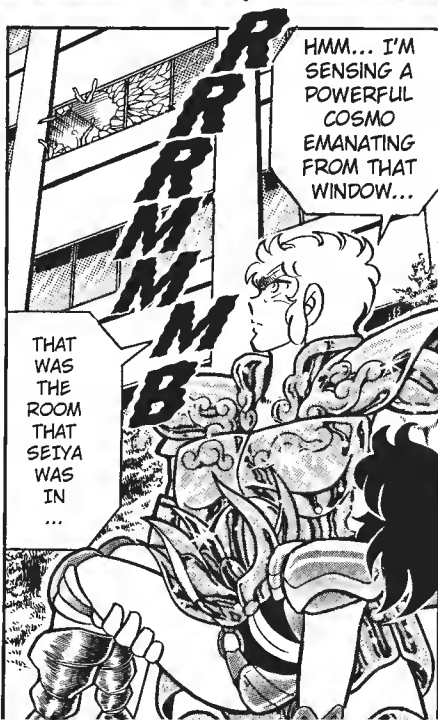
NOW...
WHO WILL
STRIKE
THE FATAL
BLOW?

M-MY
CLOTH...

IF ONLY I
HAD MY
PEGASUS
CLOTH...

UGH... UNARMED,
I DON'T HAVE A
PRAYER AGAINST
THREE SILVER
KNIGHTS...

fw ash



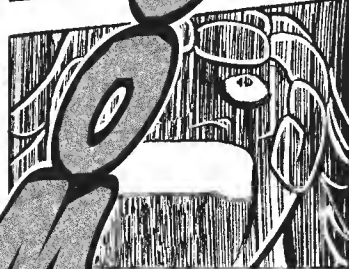
BUT NO
COM-
PLAINING,
NO
MATTER
WHO
FINISHES
HIM
!

INTER-
ESTING
...

**E
R
K**

ALL RIGHT --
WE'LL HURL
HIM HIGH INTO
THE SKY AND
ALL THREE OF
US WILL ATTACK
HIM AT ONCE!

HEH...THE
EARLY BIRD
GETS THE
WORM,
EH?



**S
H
O
O
S
H**

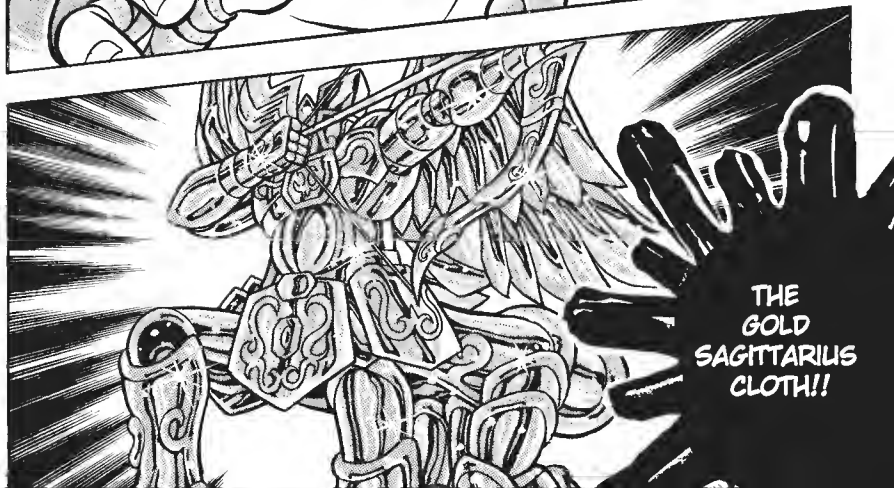


ALL
RIGHT!
ATTACK!!





THE
GOLD
CLOTH!

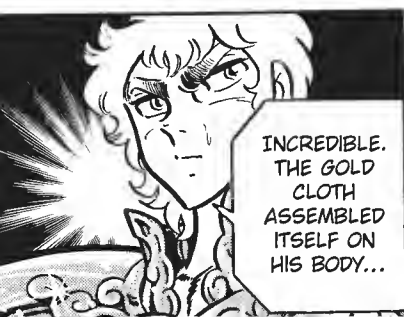


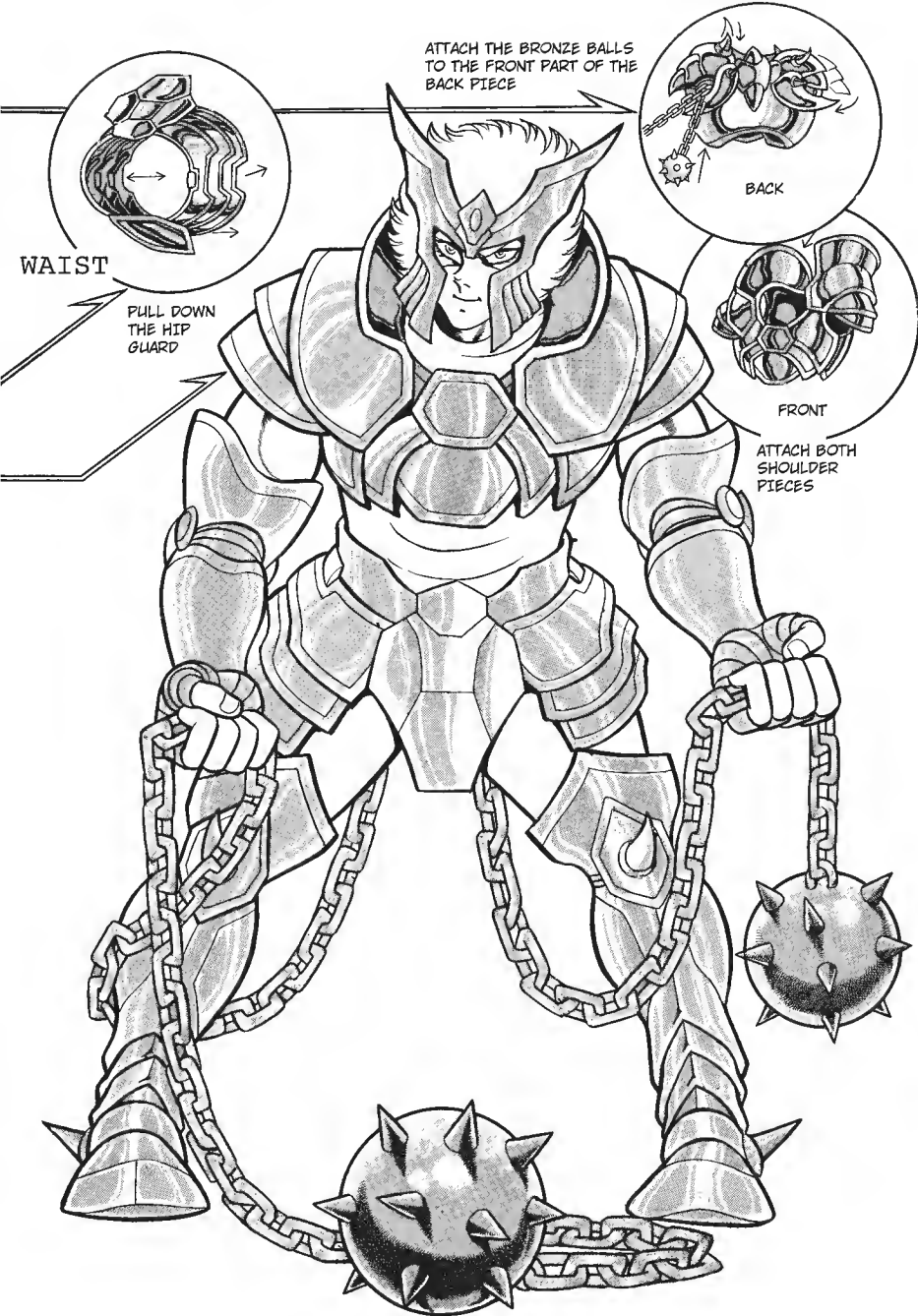
THE
GOLD
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH!!



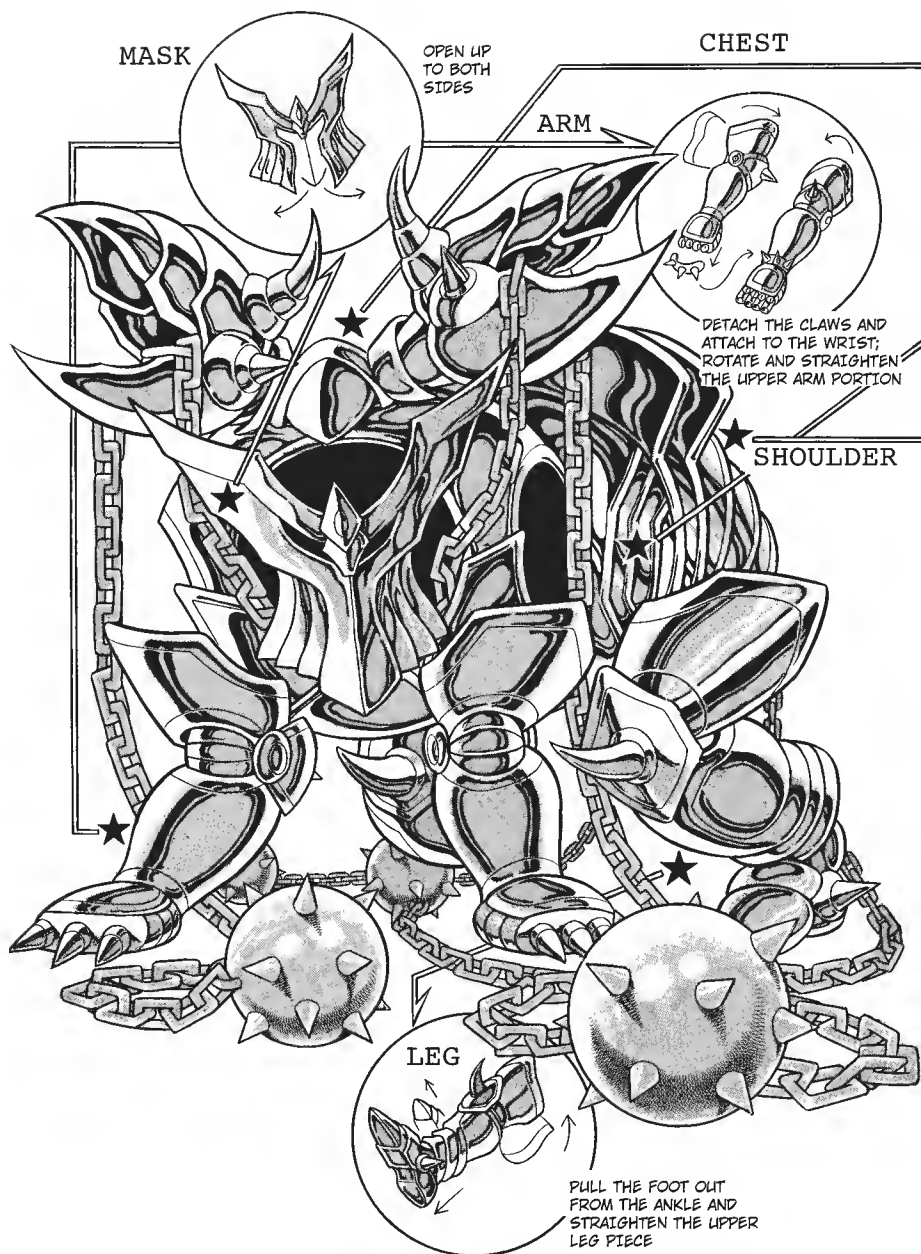


AAARGH
!!





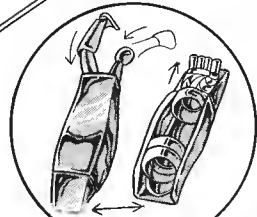
CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART XX



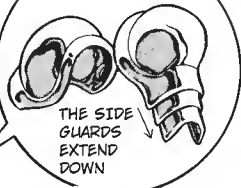
SILVER CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART VIII

THE CERBERUS CLOTH

SHOULDER

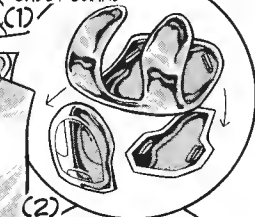


SEPARATE INTO THE TWO ARM PIECES AND PUT AWAY THE HORSE'S FRONT LEGS

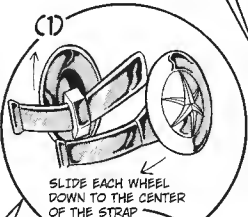


THE SIDE GUARDS EXTEND DOWN

SEPARATE THE CHARIOT INTO THE BELT BUCKLE AND CHEST GUARD

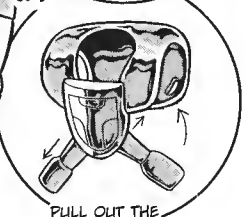


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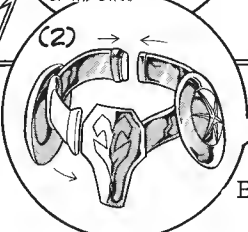
(1)

SLIDE EACH WHEEL DOWN TO THE CENTER OF THE STRAP



(2)

PULL OUT THE STRAPS OF THE CHEST PLATE AND ATTACH TO THE SHOULDER GIRDLE



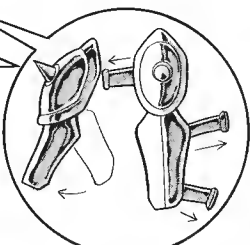
(2)

CONNECT THE STRAPS TO THE BUCKLE

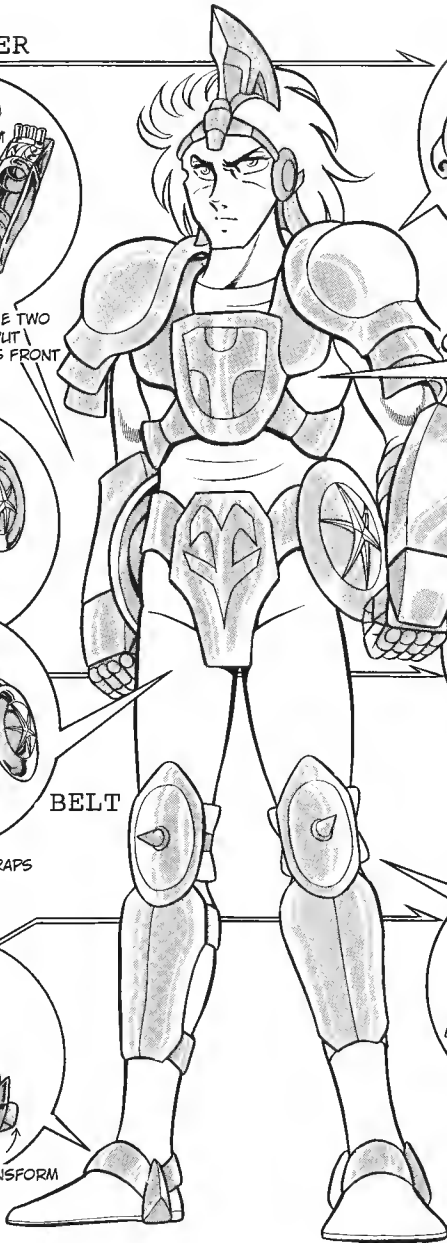
BELT

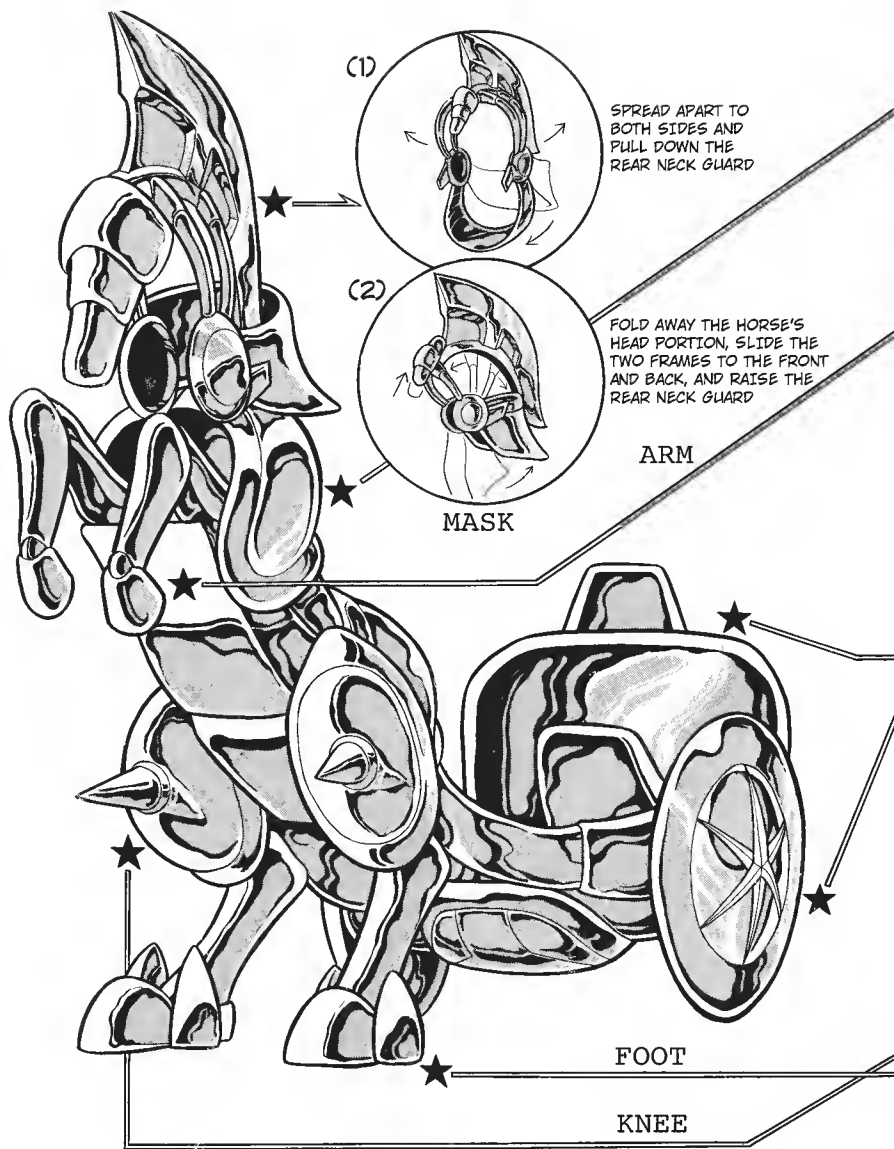


OPEN UP AND TRANSFORM THE FOOT GUARD



OPEN UP THE BACK LEG AT BOTH SIDES AND PULL OUT THE STRAPS





SILVER CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART IX

THE AURIGA [CHARIOTEER] CLOTH



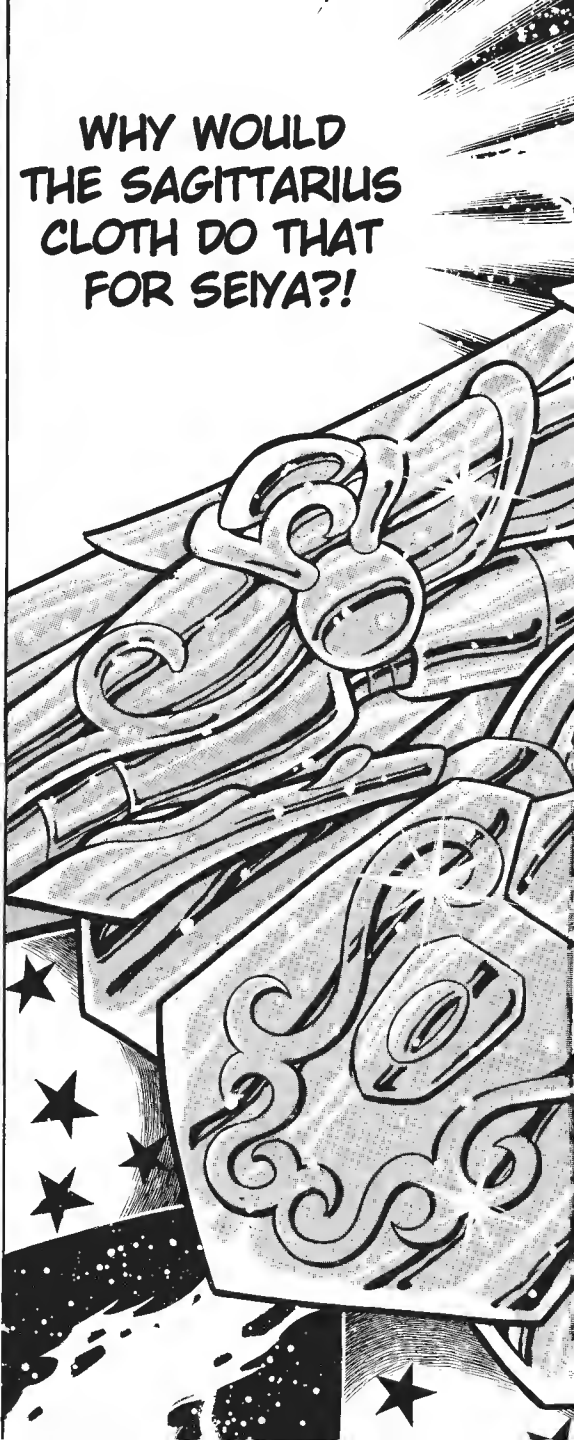
VIOLENT COLLISION!
THE GOLD CLOTH

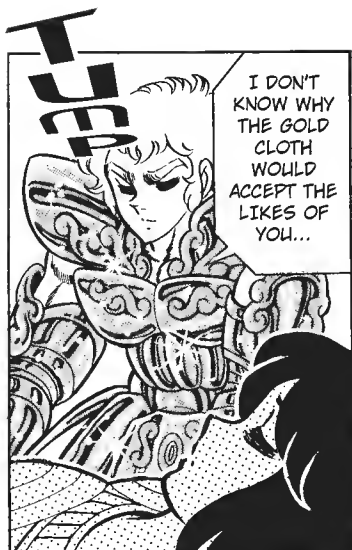


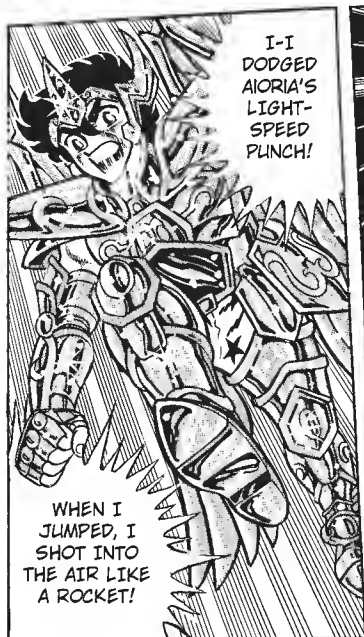
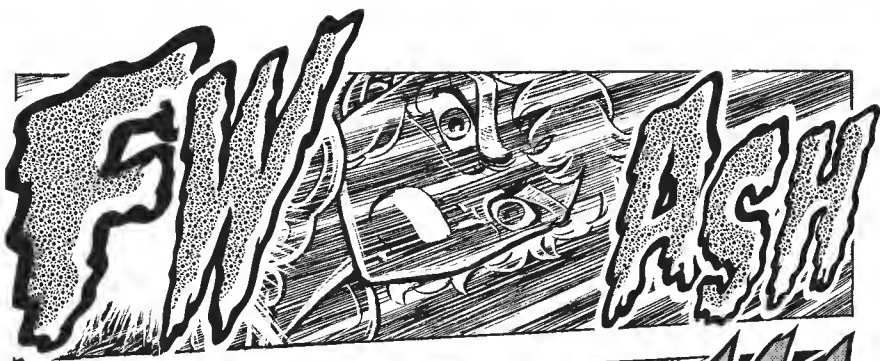
IN THE
GOLD
CLOTH,
YOU'RE ON
EQUAL
FOOTING
WITH ME,
SEIYA.



WHY WOULD
THE SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH DO THAT
FOR SEIYA?!







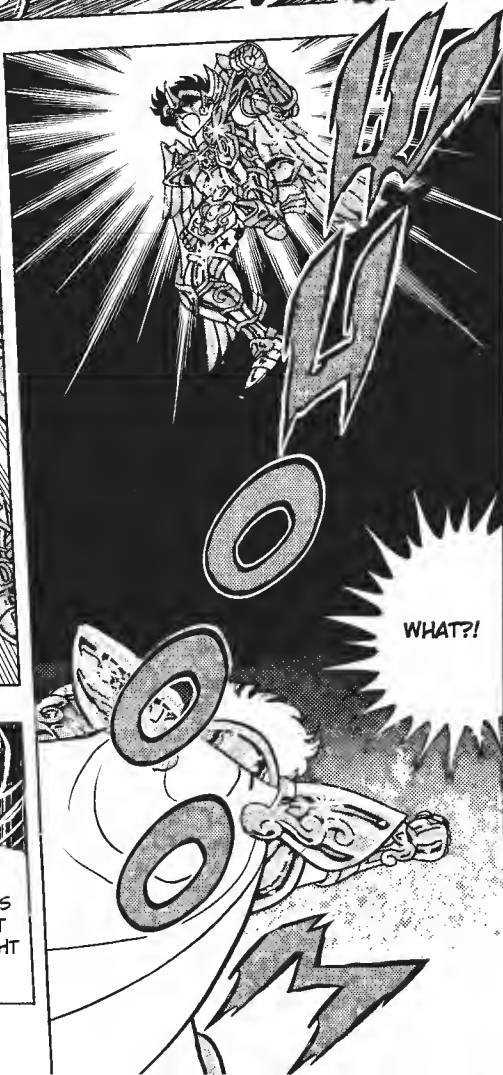
I-I
DODGED
AIORIA'S
LIGHT-
SPEED
PUNCH!

WHEN I
JUMPED, I
SHOT INTO
THE AIR LIKE
A ROCKET!



WITH THIS
CLOTH, IT
JUST MIGHT
WORK...

YES
...

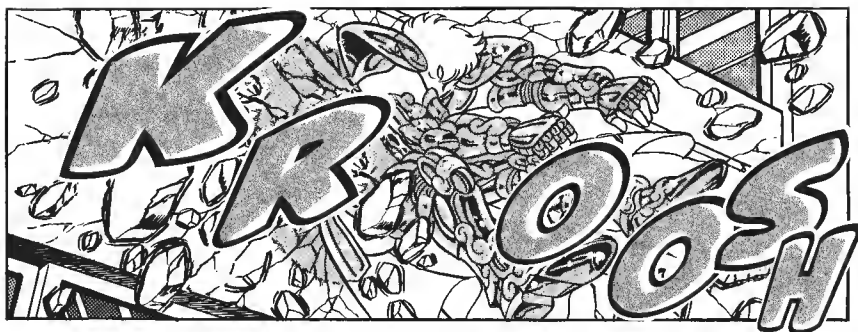


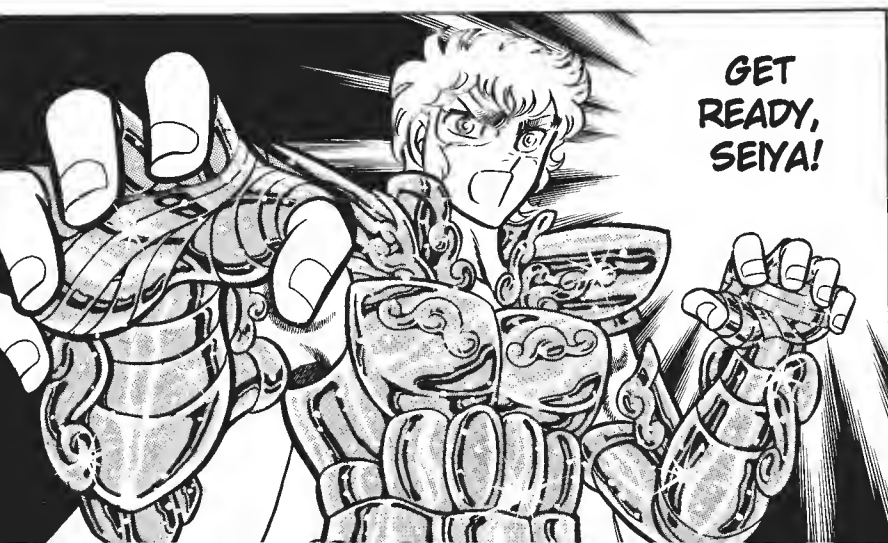
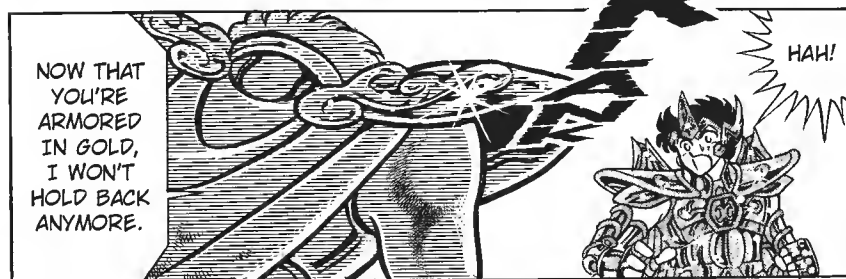
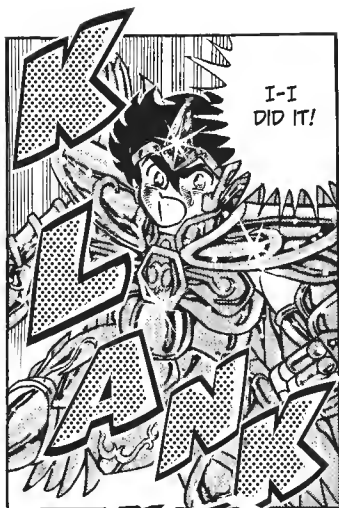
WHAT?!



HAH!

PEGASUS
METEOR
PUNCH!!





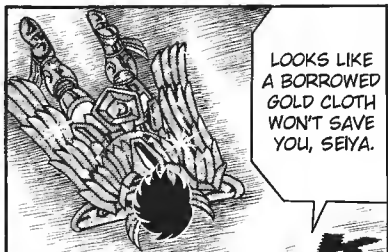


**LIGHTNING
BOLT!!**



HE IS A
MAN OF
SUCH GREAT
LOVE AND
JUSTICE THAT
ATHENA HERSELF
CHOSE HIM AS
HER REGENT.

A-AIORIA...
WHY DO
YOU OBEY
THE MASTER?



LOOKS LIKE
A BORROWED
GOLD CLOTH
WON'T SAVE
YOU, SEIYA.

I'M SORRY,
BUT THE
MASTER
DEMANDS
YOUR HEAD!

THE
MASTER
IS LIKE
A GOD!



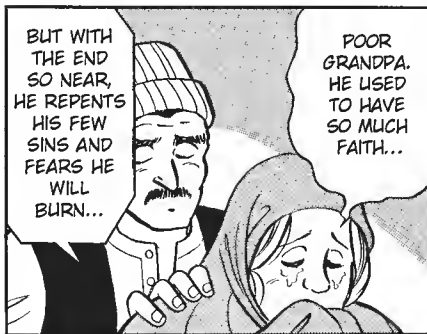
WH-WHAT...
WHO ARE
YOU?!



GREECE: THE
VILLAGE LODORIO,
NEAR ATHENS

♪
SAINT SEIYA!
YOU YOUTHS
ARE ALL...
♪

♪
SAINT SEIYA!
TOMORROW'S
HEROES...
OH YEAH...
♪



MASTER!!



DO
NOT
FEAR
DEATH.



GOD
WILL
NOT
PUNISH
YOU.



REST IN
PEACE...
IN PEACE...



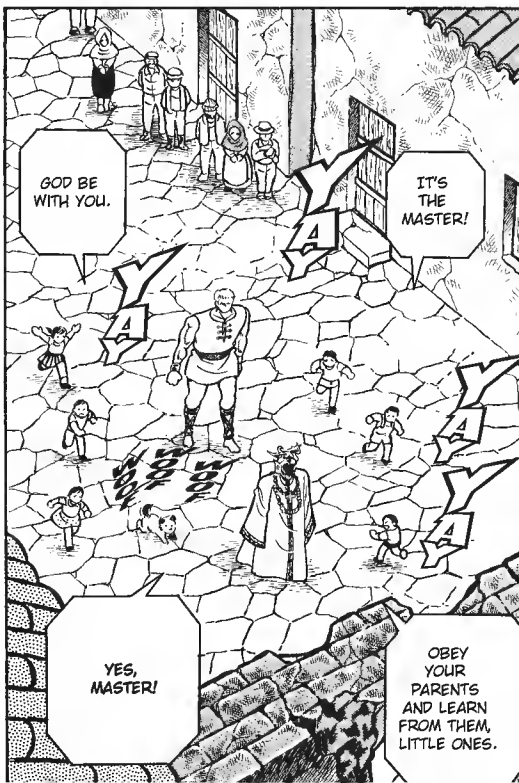
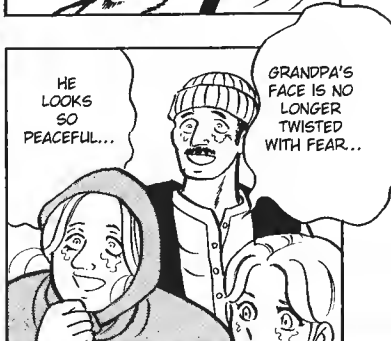
I'M AFRAID
TO DIE IN
SUCH A
WICKED
STATE...

M-
MASTER,
I-I AM
A MAN
STEEPED
IN
SIN.

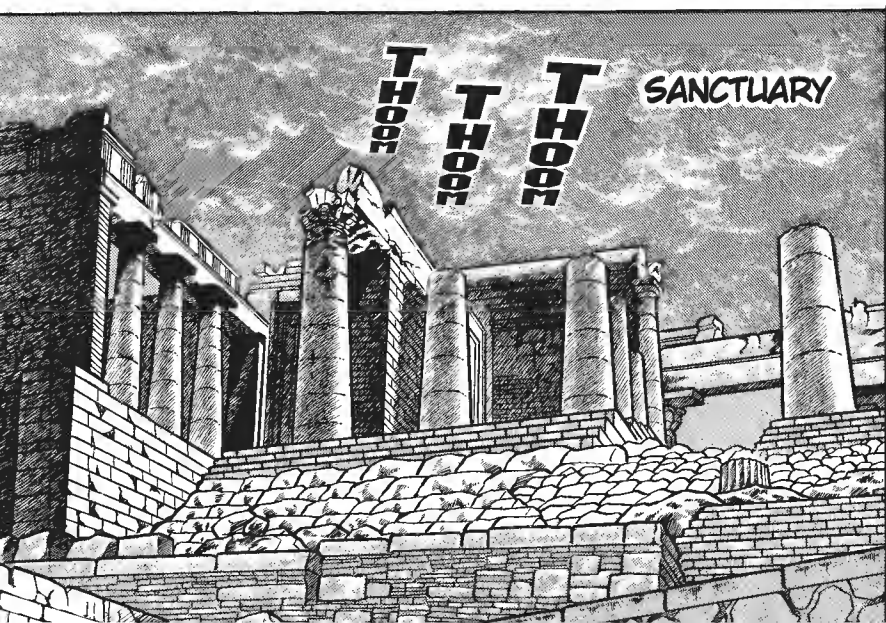


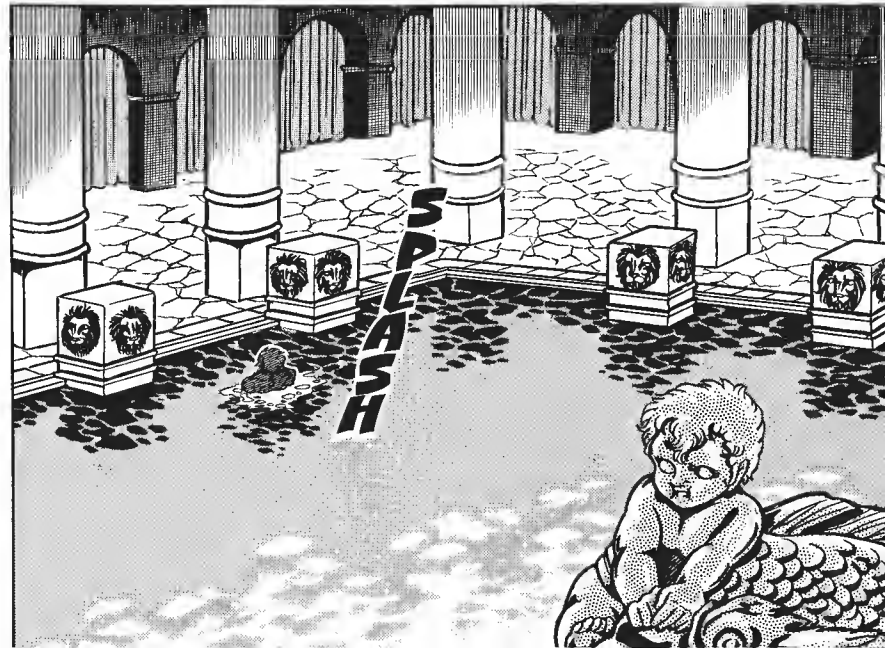
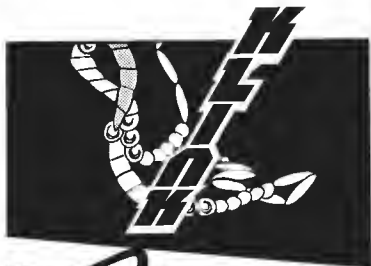
BUT WHEN
YOU PASS
ON, YOUR
SINS WILL
BE
CLEANSED
AND YOU
WILL LIVE
WITH
GOD.

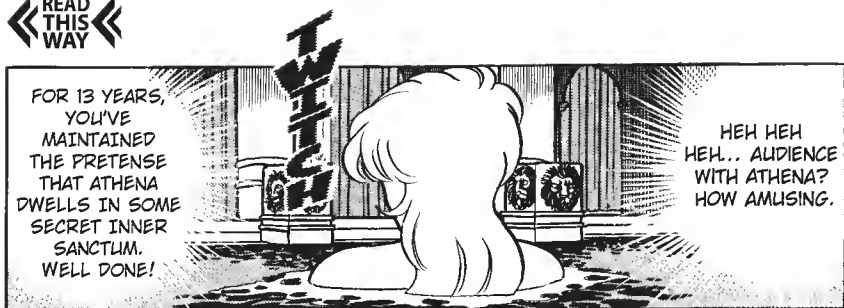
MY DEAR
COSIMODO,
NO ONE
BORN IN
THIS
WORLD
DIES
WITHOUT
SIN.



**ATHENA'S
REGENT IS
LIKE A GOD
HIMSELF!!**







FOR 13 YEARS,
YOU'VE
MAINTAINED
THE PRETENSE
THAT ATHENA
DWELLS IN SOME
SECRET INNER
SANCTUARY.
WELL DONE!

HEH HEH
HEH... AUDIENCE
WITH ATHENA?
HOW AMUSING.



NON-
SENSE.
MY FAULT
IS, AFTER
ALL,
YOUR
FAULT.

MY
FAULT?



I WANTED
TO SERVE
ATHENA
AND
JUSTICE!

SILENCE!
YOU CANNOT
BEGIN TO
KNOW MY
AGONY!



WE ARE
SUPPOSED
TO BE ONE...
HEH HEH
HEH HEH...

THIS
SITUATION
IS YOUR
FAULT!



AND SUSPICION
IS ALREADY
SPREADING
THROUGH
SANCTUARY
LIKE A CANCER.
HEH HEH HEH
...

HEH HEH
HEH. DON'T
BELLOW--
YOUR
SERVANTS
WILL HEAR.

BECAUSE OF
YOU, I AM
FORCED TO
DO EVIL!



THE BEAUTY
OF YOUR
FORM NEVER
FAILS TO
AMAZE ME.



IT MAY
WELL BE
GOD'S
ULTIMATE
WORK OF
ART.



THAT IS,
WE MAY BE
HIS ULTIMATE
WORK OF
ART.

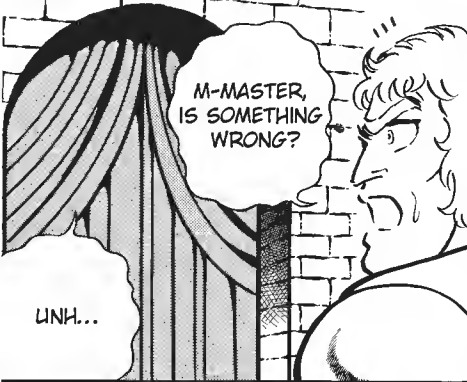


FOR WE
ARE ONE,
HEH HEH
HEH HEH...



SHUT
UP!!

FORGERS





YOU
SAW!

UNGH!

WH-WHAT--
Y-YOU'RE...
THE MASTER...

NO ONE
CAN SEE
MY NAKED
FACE AND
BODY AND
LIVE.



AAARGH!

WHO
ARE
YOU?!



PRINCESS
SIENNA--
OR RATHER,
ATHENA--
MUST DIE,
OR MY
AMBITIONS
WILL CRUMBLE
BENEATH MY
FEET!

I MUST
HURRY.
THE TRUE
IDENTITY OF
THE MASTER
MUST NEVER
BE REVEALED.





THE MASTER
IS NOT A GOD.
LOWER YOUR
FIST, AIORIA.

WHA...
PRINCESS
SIENNA...



AIORIA,
LISTEN
TO MY
STORY.

YOU WILL
UNDER-
STAND THAT
THE MASTER
IS NO GOD,
BUT A
DEVIL.



PRINCESS
SIENNA...
RUN... IT'S
DANGEROUS...



COULD
THIS GIRL
BE...

THAT
COSMO
...

BUT YOU'RE
THE ONES
WHO BROKE
THE KNIGHTS'
LAW AND
PROFANED
OUR ORDER
BEFORE THE
WHOLE WORLD.

THE
MASTER,
A DEVIL?



ALORIA,
HEAR ME
OUT.



HMPH!

SOMEONE
POSSESSING
A COSMO
GREATER
THAN OURS
CAN ONLY
BE... NO,
IMPOSSIBLE...


A MIGHTY
COSMO
EMANATES
FROM SIENNA
STRONGER
THAN ANY
AMONG THE
12 GOLD
KNIGHTS!

ATHENA!!





COULD THIS GIRL BE THE
INCARNATION
OF ATHENA?!



AIORIA, 13
YEARS AGO,
YOUR BROTHER
AIOROS SAVED
MY LIFE.



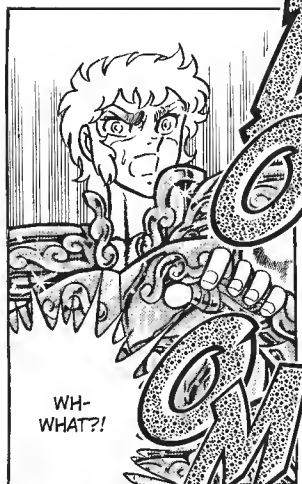
WHAT?!



HE WAS
NOT A
TRAITOR.
AIOROS WAS
A TRUE KNIGHT
WHO FOUGHT
FOR JUSTICE.
AS I SAID...



MY BROTHER,
THE TRAITOR
WHO
BETRAYED
SANCTUARY...

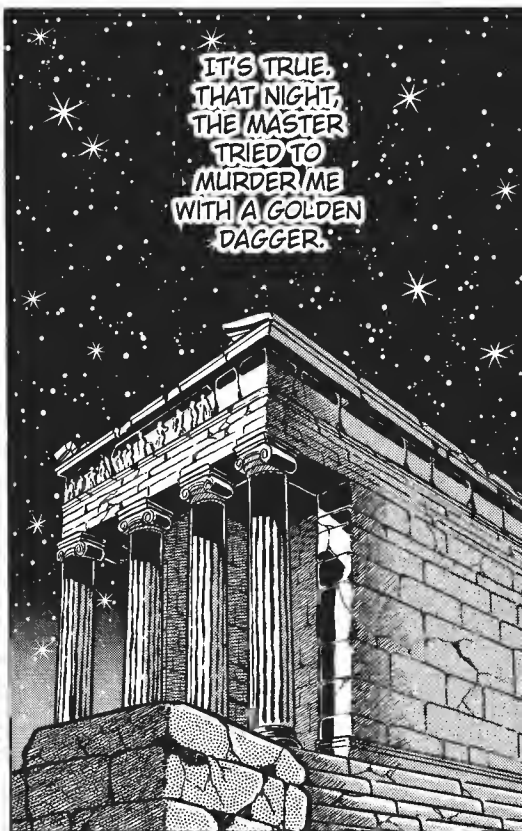
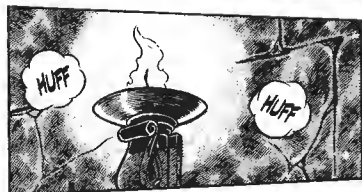
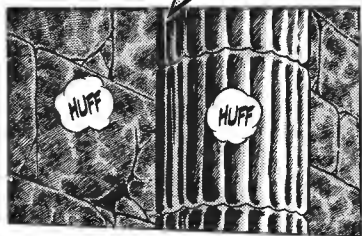


WH-
WHAT?!

HE TRIED
TO MURDER
ME AND SEIZE
SANCTUARY
FOR HIMSELF!!

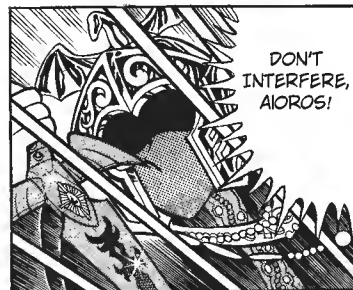
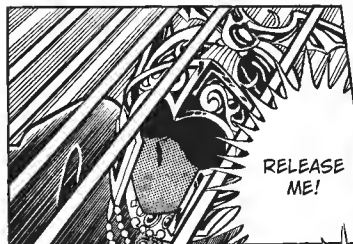
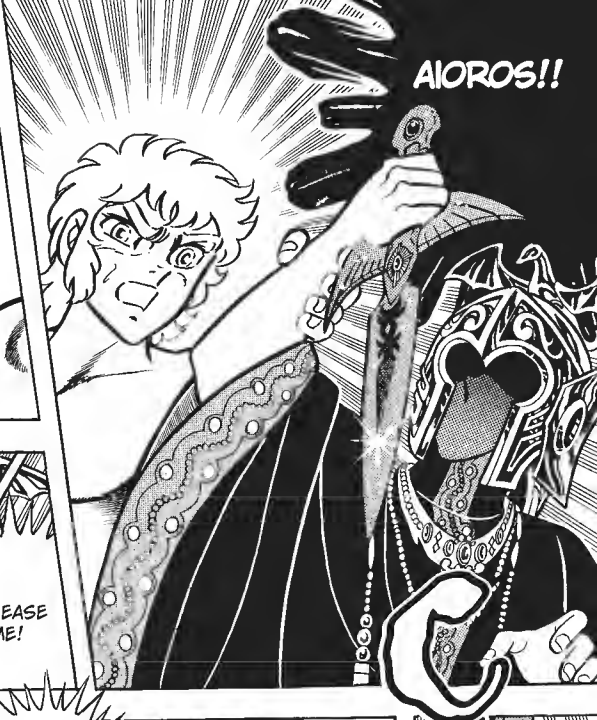


IT'S THE
MASTER WHO
IS EVIL
INCARNATE.



IT'S TRUE,
THAT NIGHT,
THE MASTER
TRIED TO
MURDER ME
WITH A GOLDEN
DAGGER.







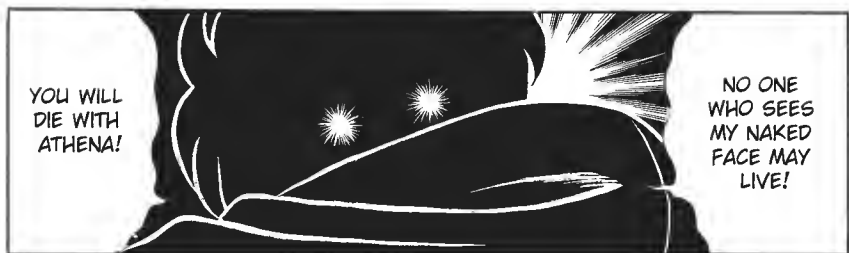
STOP!

WHAT?!



UNH...
NOW
YOU'VE
SEEN ME,
AIORIOS
...

M-
MASTER...
WHO ARE...
?!



YOU WILL
DIE WITH
ATHENA!

NO ONE
WHO SEES
MY NAKED
FACE MAY
LIVE!





A-
ATHENA
...

I'LL
PROTECT
YOU WITH
MY LIFE.



HUNT HIM
DOWN!
KILL HIM!

HE HAS
ATTEMPTED
TO SLAY
ATHENA!

HE
MUST
BE
STOPPED!!



WERE
ENTRUSTED
TO LORD
NOBL.

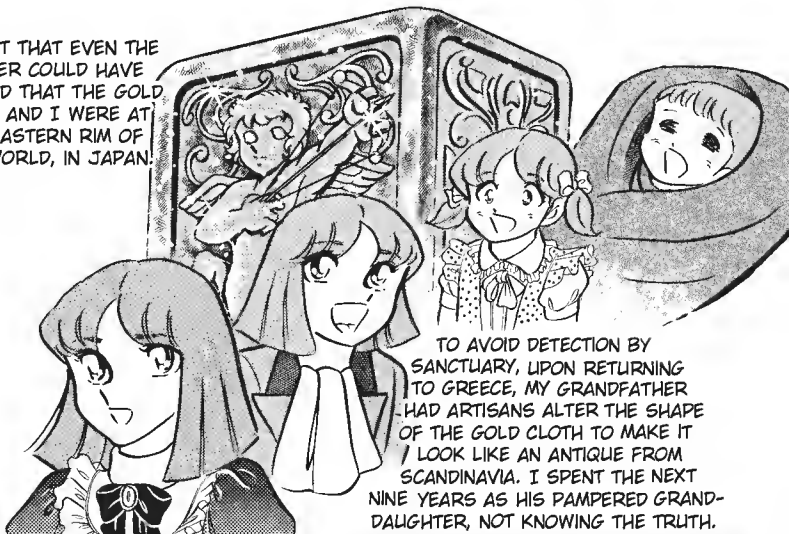
SO THE GOLD
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH AND I...



YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THAT FOR
ALL THESE
YEARS,
EVERYONE
IN SANCTUARY
HAS BELIEVED
A LIE?

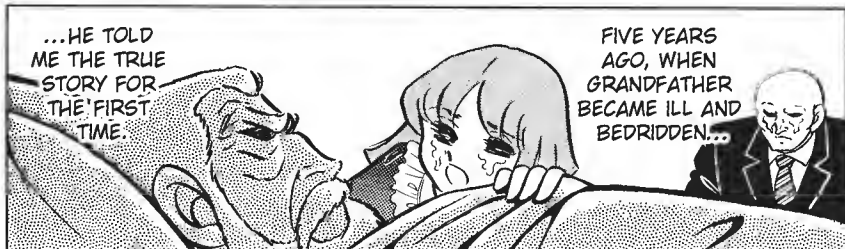
N-
NONSENSE...

I DOUBT THAT EVEN THE MASTER COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT THE GOLD CLOTH AND I WERE AT THE EASTERN RIM OF THE WORLD, IN JAPAN.



TO AVOID DETECTION BY SANCTUARY, UPON RETURNING TO GREECE, MY GRANDFATHER HAD ARTISANS ALTER THE SHAPE OF THE GOLD CLOTH TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ANTIQUE FROM SCANDINAVIA. I SPENT THE NEXT NINE YEARS AS HIS PAMPERED GRAND-DAUGHTER, NOT KNOWING THE TRUTH.

...HE TOLD ME THE TRUE STORY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

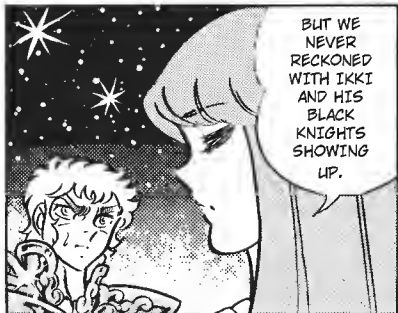


FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN GRANDFATHER BECAME ILL AND BEDRIDDEN...

HUH...



BUT WE NEVER RECKONED WITH IKKI AND HIS BLACK KNIGHTS SHOWING UP.



HE ADVERTISED THE TOURNAMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD TO ANNOUNCE OUR EXISTENCE AND LURE THE EVIL OUT OF THE DARKNESS.

HE REVEALED THAT THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE GALAXY TOURNAMENT WAS TO FIND WORTHY KNIGHTS FOR THE COMING WAR.

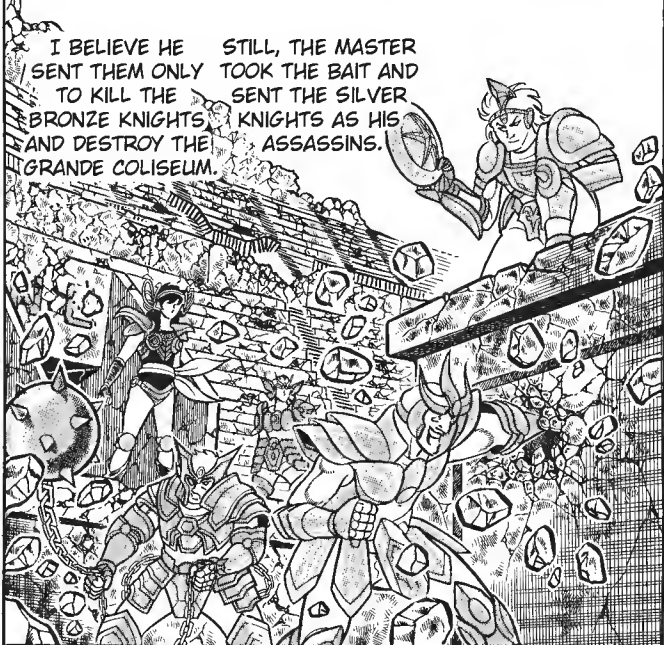


BUT WHEN HE
REALIZED THAT
I WAS ATHENA
AND THAT THE
GOLD CLOTH WAS
AUTHENTIC...

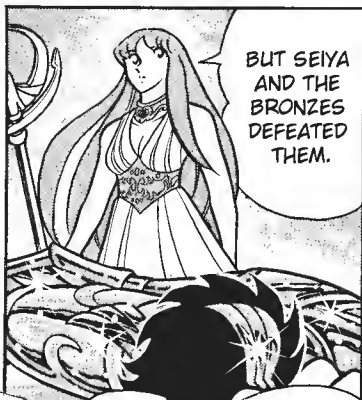


I BELIEVE HE
SENT THEM ONLY
TO KILL THE
BRONZE KNIGHTS
AND DESTROY THE
GRANDE COLISEUM.

STILL, THE MASTER
TOOK THE BAIT AND
SENT THE SILVER
KNIGHTS AS HIS
ASSASSINS.



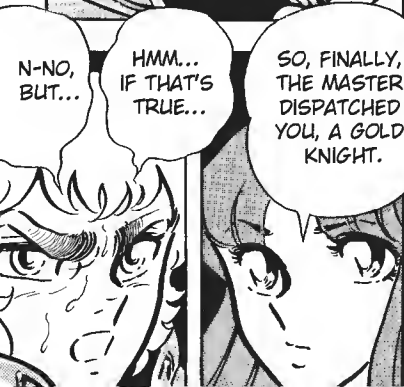
BUT SEIYA
AND THE
BRONZES
DEFEATED
THEM.



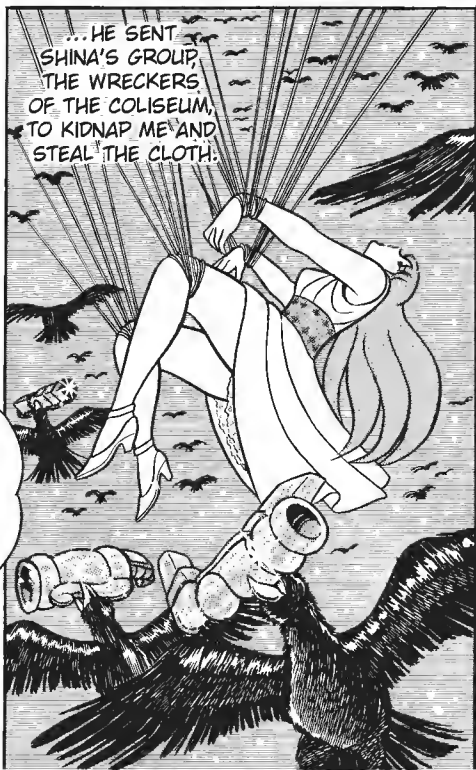
N-NO,
BUT...

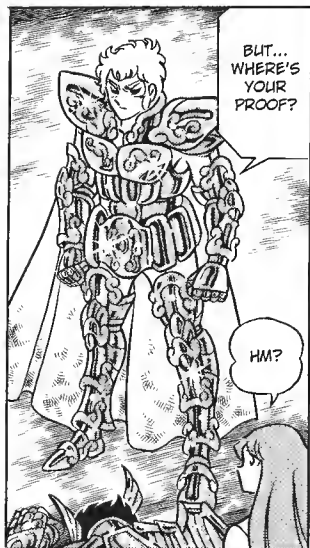
HMM...
IF THAT'S
TRUE...

SO, FINALLY,
THE MASTER
DISPATCHED
YOU, A GOLD
KNIGHT.



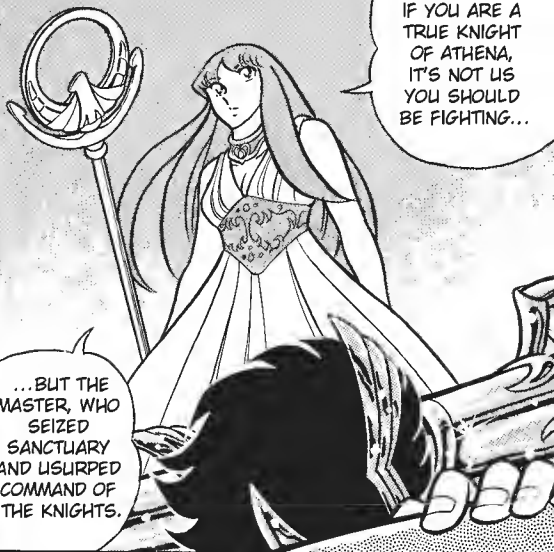
...HE SENT
SHINA'S GROUP,
THE WRECKERS
OF THE COLISEUM,
TO KIDNAP ME AND
STEAL THE CLOTH.





BUT...
WHERE'S
YOUR
PROOF?

HM?



UNDERSTAND
THIS, AIORIA--
IF YOU ARE A
TRUE KNIGHT
OF ATHENA,
IT'S NOT US
YOU SHOULD
BE FIGHTING...

...BUT THE
MASTER, WHO
SEIZED
SANCTUARY
AND USURPED
COMMAND OF
THE KNIGHTS.

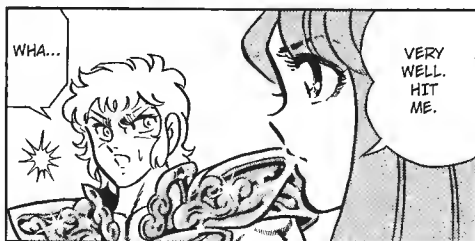


THE TRUE
ATHENA
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
BLOCK EVEN
MY FIST...

FOR ME
TO BELIEVE
YOUR STORY,
YOU MUST
PROVE TO ME
THAT YOU ARE
REALLY ATHENA.



FROM THE
MOMENT THIS
WAR BEGAN
I'VE BEEN
PREPARED
TO DIE.

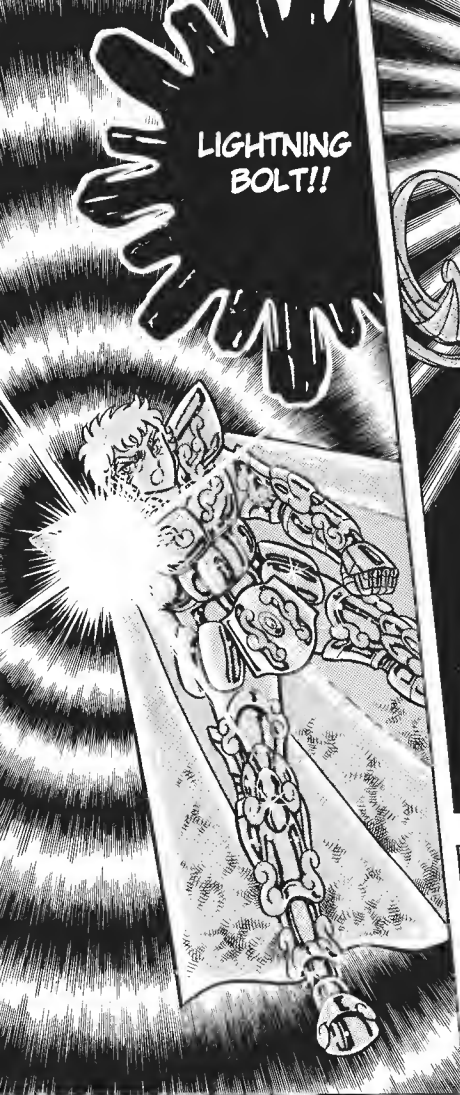


WHA...

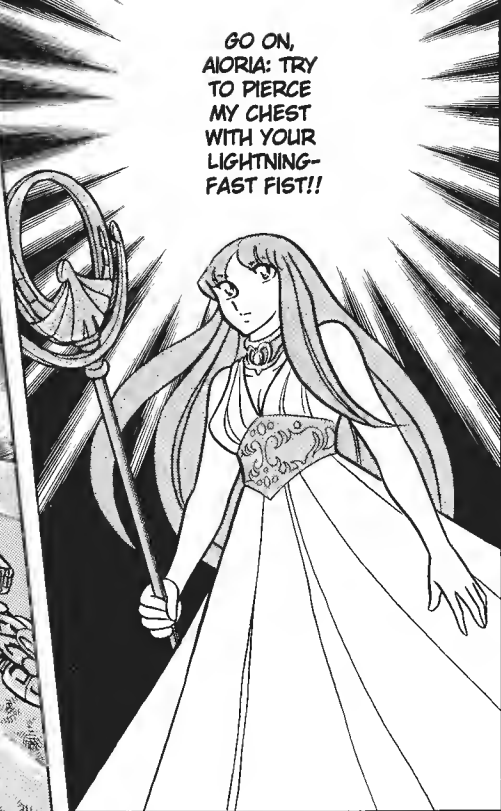
VERY
WELL.
HIT
ME.



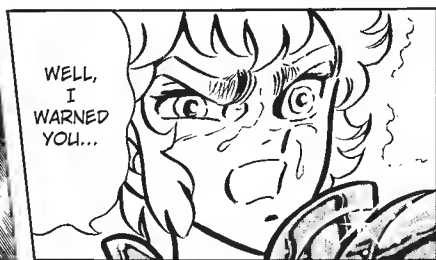
YOU'LL BE
CRIPPLED
OR KILLED...
ARE YOU
SURE?



LIGHTNING
BOLT!!



GO ON,
AIORIA: TRY
TO PIERCE
MY CHEST
WITH YOUR
LIGHTNING-
FAST FIST!!



WELL,
I
WARNED
YOU...

KA-FWASH



SEIYA!!

LNH...
OW...



I CLEARLY
SAW THE
BALL OF
LIGHT THAT
IS THE
LIGHTNING
BOLT...

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT
IN THE LOCUS
OF YOUR
PUNCH...



THROWING
YOUR
LIGHTNING
BOLT AT HER
WILL ONLY
PROVE THAT
SHE HAS
ENTRAILS...

Y-YOU
IDIOT!



YOU
BLOCKED
MY LIGHT-
SPEED
PUNCH?
HOW?

WH-
WHAT...
SEIYA...


BUT THE
BOLT'S
POWER STILL
SMOLDERS
WITHOUT
DISSIPATING!
YOUR HAND
WILL BE
BLOWN OFF,
SEIYA!!

NO... YOU
COULD SEE
ME MOVING,
EVEN AT THE
SPEED OF
LIGHT?



AIORIA...
YOU STILL
DON'T
UNDERSTAND...



HAH!

WH-
WHAT
THE--?!





AIOROS...
MY
BROTHER!!



LITTLE
BROTHER,
CAN'T YOU
TELL WHO
IS GOOD AND
WHO IS EVIL?

HUH
...?



WH-WHAT'S
THIS? BEHIND
SEIYA, I SEE
A VISION OF
AIOROS WEARING
THE GOLD
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH!!

AND YOU
WOULD RAISE
YOUR FIST
AGAINST
ATHENA? YOU
SHOULD DIE
FOR THAT
SIN, FOOL!!

YET YOU
CONSIDER
YOURSELF A
TRUE KNIGHT?!
MY OWN
BROTHER!!

AIOROS...

RRRRRRRR

WH-WHAT...
I FEEL MY
COSMO BEING
STRENGTHENED
BY SOME
OUTSIDE
FORCE!!

SEIYA IS
PUSHING BACK
THE POWER OF
THE LIGHTNING
BOLT!!

IMPOSSIBLE!

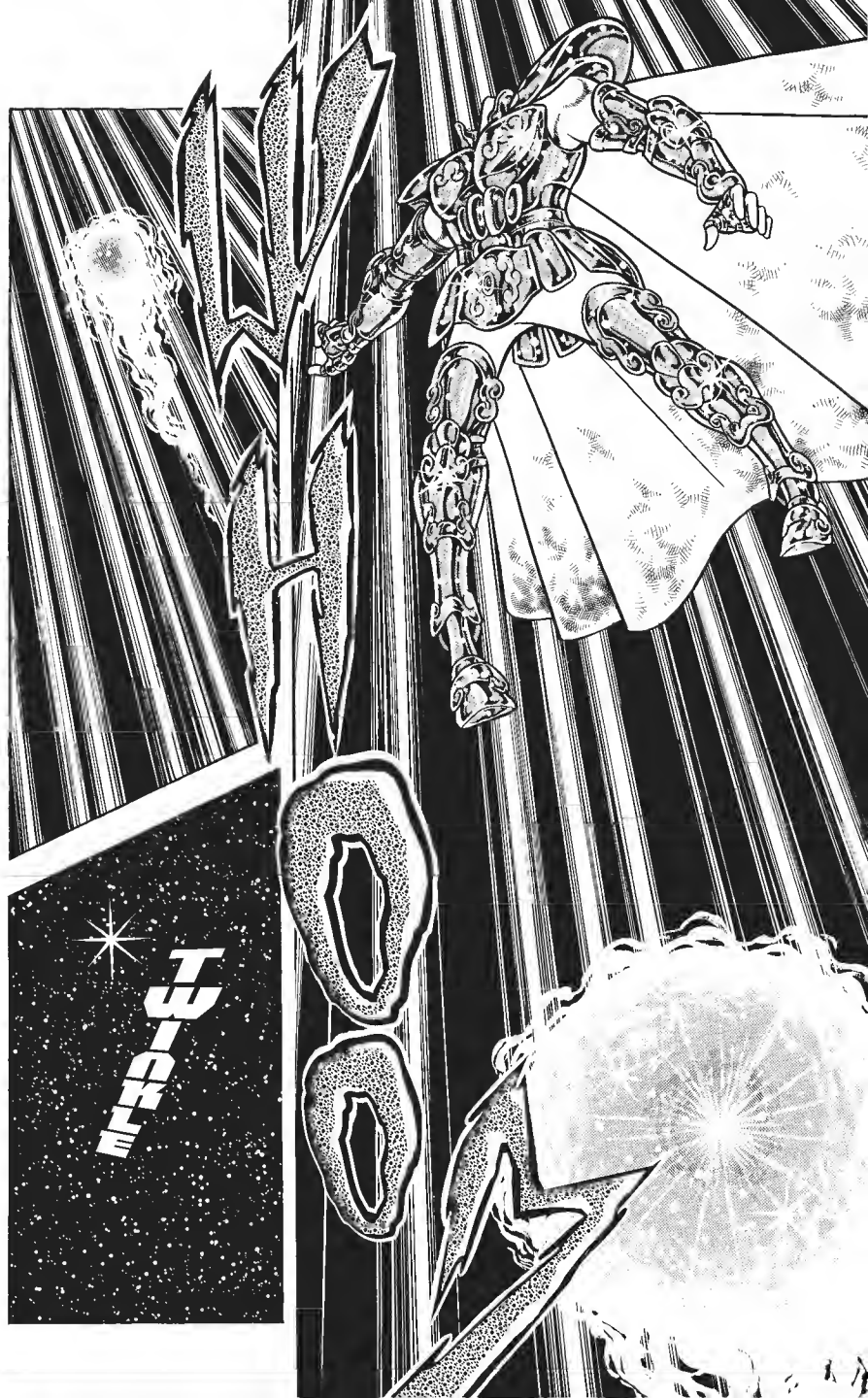


RRAARR!

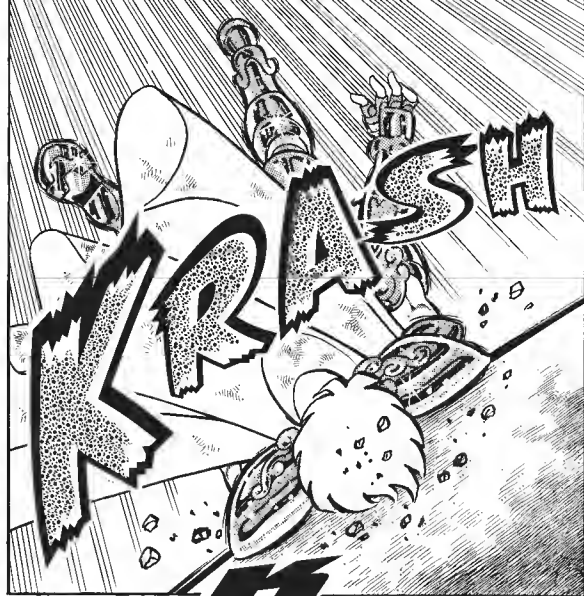
NO,
SEIYA!
YOU
MUSTN'T
KILL
AIORIA!

HAH!





WH-WHAT
HAPPENED?!
I JUST BLINDLY
PUSHED BACK
THE BALL OF
LIGHT, BUT...



HUH?



I'M
BEATEN,
SEIYA...

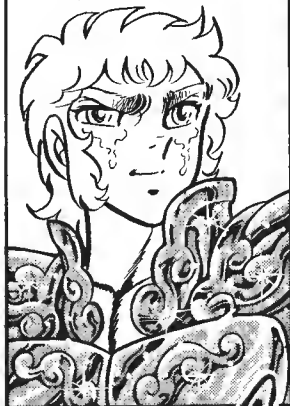


**AIOROS,
THE
SAGITTARIUS
KNIGHT...**

**BUT NOT
BY YOU...
|| BY MY
BROTHER.**



BIG
BROTHER...
YOU WEREN'T
A TRAITOR.
EVEN BEYOND
DEATH, YOU
STILL FIGHT
FOR JUSTICE...

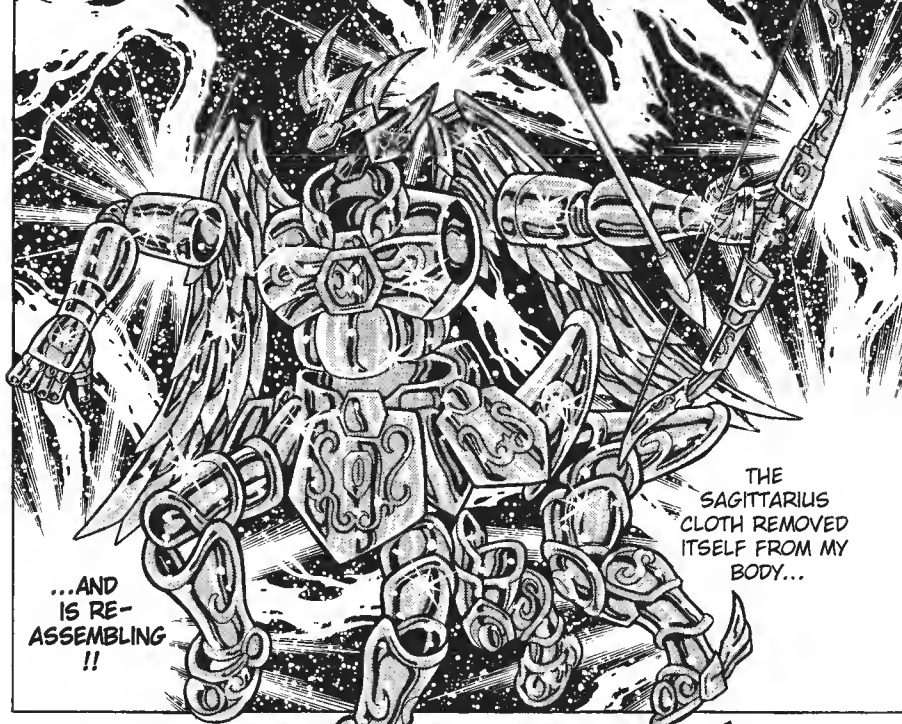


AND WHILE
A NEW KNIGHT
WORTHY TO
WEAR IT
MATURES, HE
CONTINUES TO
PROTECT
ATHENA.

AIOROS'S
FLESH ROTTED
TO DUST
YEARS AGO,
BUT HIS SOUL
LIVES ON IN
THE
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH.



HUH?



...AND
IS RE-
ASSEMBLING
!!

THE
SAGITTARIUS
CLOTH REMOVED
ITSELF FROM MY
BODY...



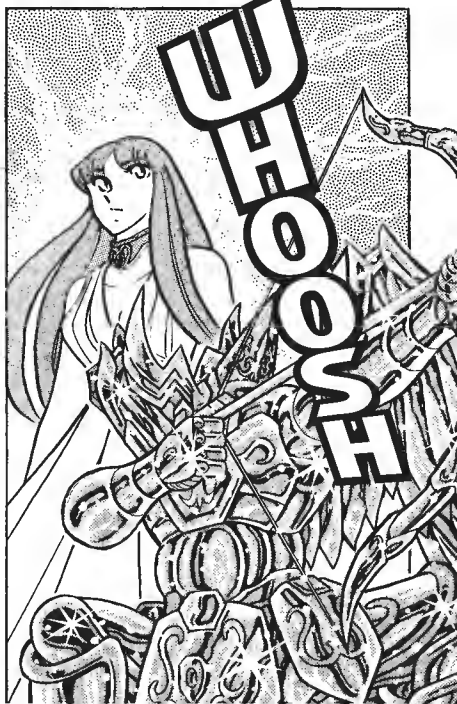
WHAT?

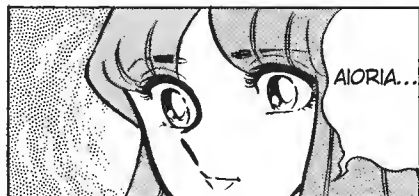
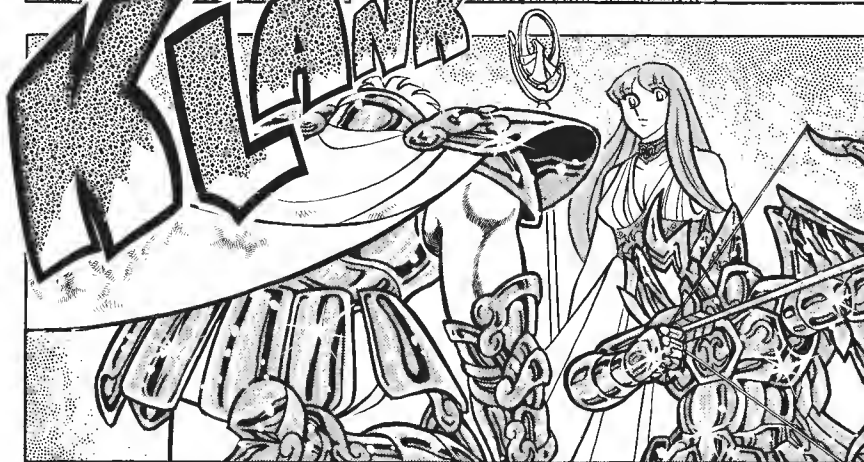
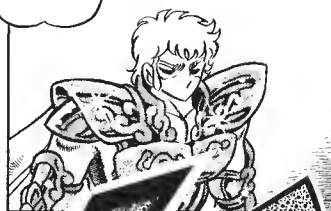
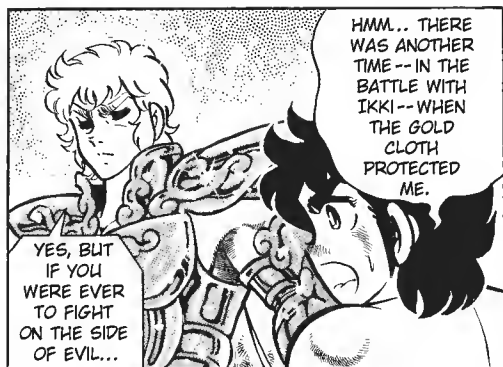
SEIYA, I DON'T
THINK THE GOLD
CLOTH WAS REALLY
ACKNOWLEDGING YOU
AS ITS OWNER.

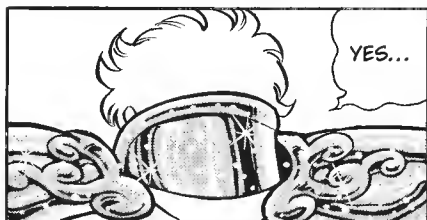
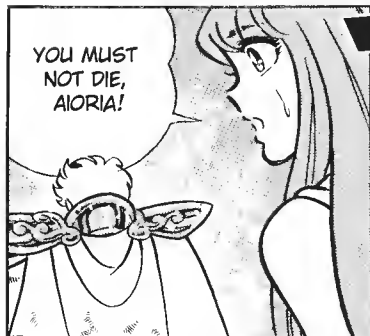


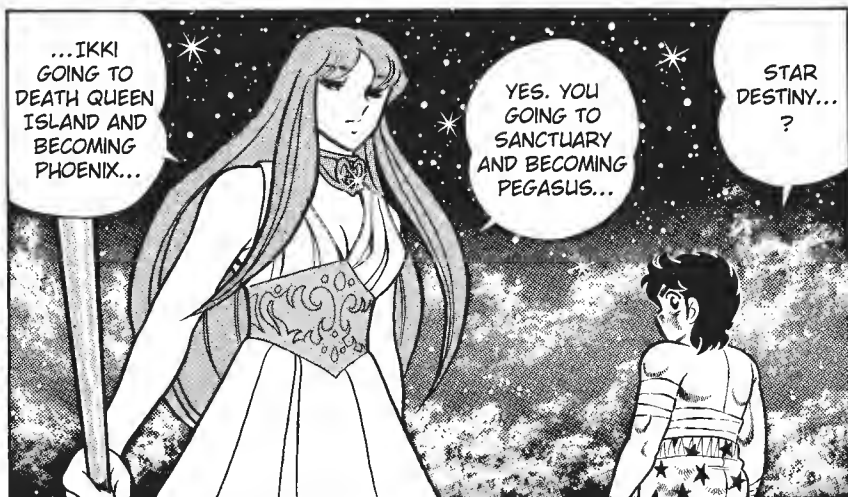
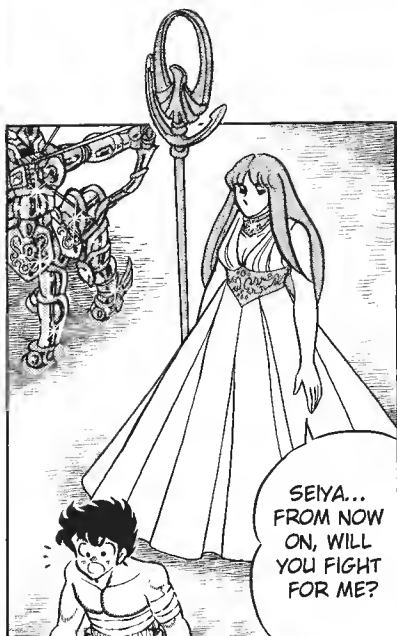
IT
PROTECTED
YOU
BECAUSE
YOU FOUGHT
ON THE SIDE
OF JUSTICE.

IT COVERED
THE ONE
WHO WAS
TRYING TO
PROTECT
ATHENA.









THESE WERE
DESTINIES
DETERMINED
BY THE STARS
UNDER WHICH
WE WERE
BORN!!

...NONE OF
THIS WAS
ANYONE'S
FAULT OR
COINCIDENCE.

...THE THINGS
THAT HAPPENED
TO SHIRYU,
HYOGA AND
SHUN, AND
EVEN TO ME...





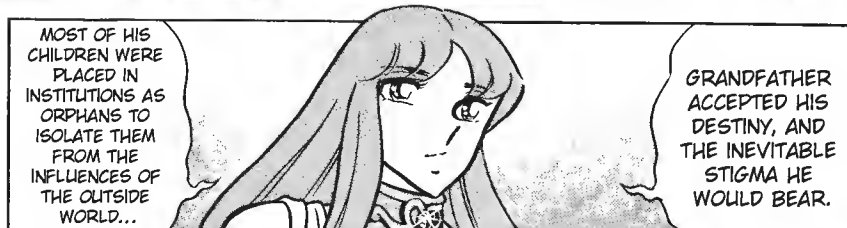
DEAR GOD!!

...AND YET,
EVEN IN THE
FACE OF THAT,
THY WILL
BE DONE!!



HOW
DREADFUL
...

IF I DID
SUCH A
THING, MY
OWN FLESH
AND BLOOD
WOULD DESPISE
ME AS A
MONSTER...
A-AND YET...



MOST OF HIS
CHILDREN WERE
PLACED IN
INSTITUTIONS AS
ORPHANS TO
ISOLATE THEM
FROM THE
INFLUENCES OF
THE OUTSIDE
WORLD...

GRANDFATHER
ACCEPTED HIS
DESTINY, AND
THE INEVITABLE
STIGMA HE
WOULD BEAR.



...BUT PLEASE
STOP SAYING
BAD THINGS
ABOUT HIM.
THAT'S MY
LAST REQUEST.

I
WON'T
ASK
YOU
TO LOVE
GRAND-
FATHER
...



WHAT?
LAST
REQUEST?



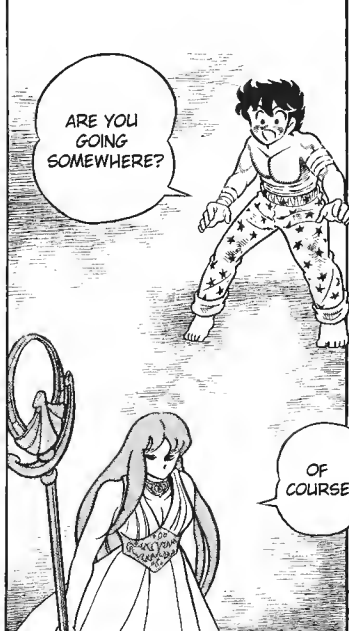
HE DIDN'T
DO IT OUT
OF CRUELTY
OR SELFISH-
NESS, AS ALL
OF YOU
BELIEVE.



BUT...



I'M GOING
TO SANCTUARY
TO CONFRONT
THE MASTER.

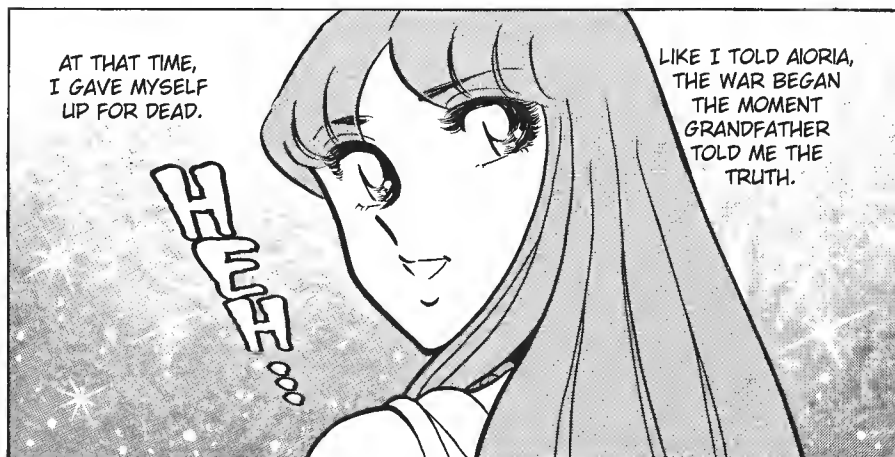


ARE YOU
GOING
SOMEWHERE?

OF
COURSE.



THAT'S
CRAZY! WHAT
CAN YOU
ACCOMPLISH
ALL BY
YOURSELF?!
YOU'LL BE
KILLED!



AT THAT TIME,
I GAVE MYSELF
UP FOR DEAD.

LIKE I TOLD AIORIA,
THE WAR BEGAN
THE MOMENT
GRANDFATHER
TOLD ME THE
TRUTH.

FAITH...



AND
FOR
JUSTICE...

AS I SAID,
TO FULFILL
MY STAR
DESTINY.

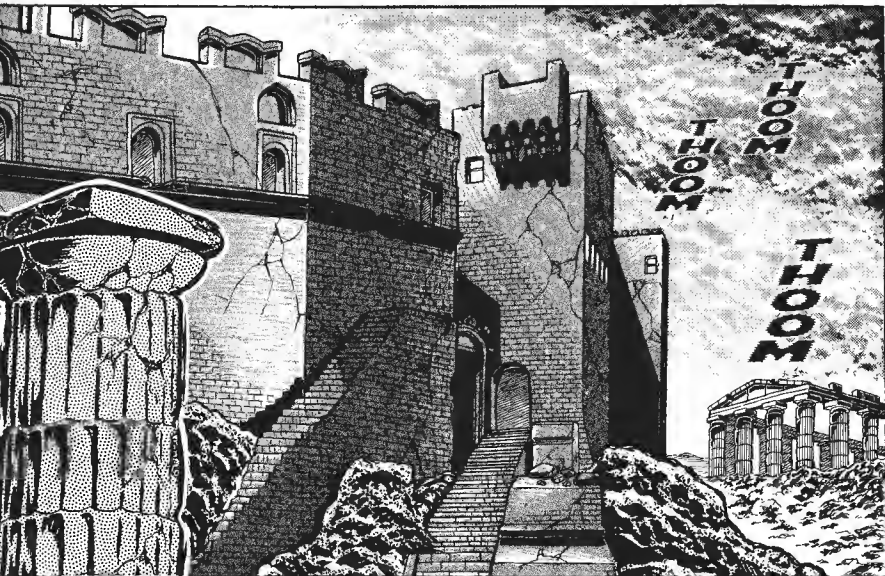


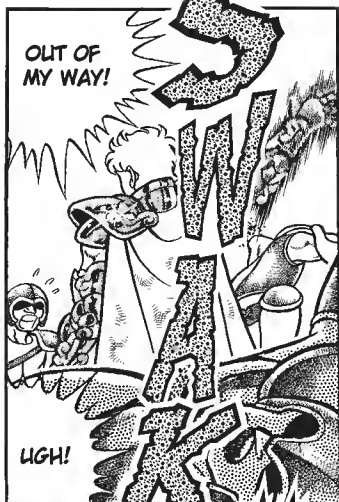
YOU COULD
LIVE WITHOUT
A CARE FOR
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE IF
YOU JUST
TURNED YOUR
BACK ON THIS.
WHY...?

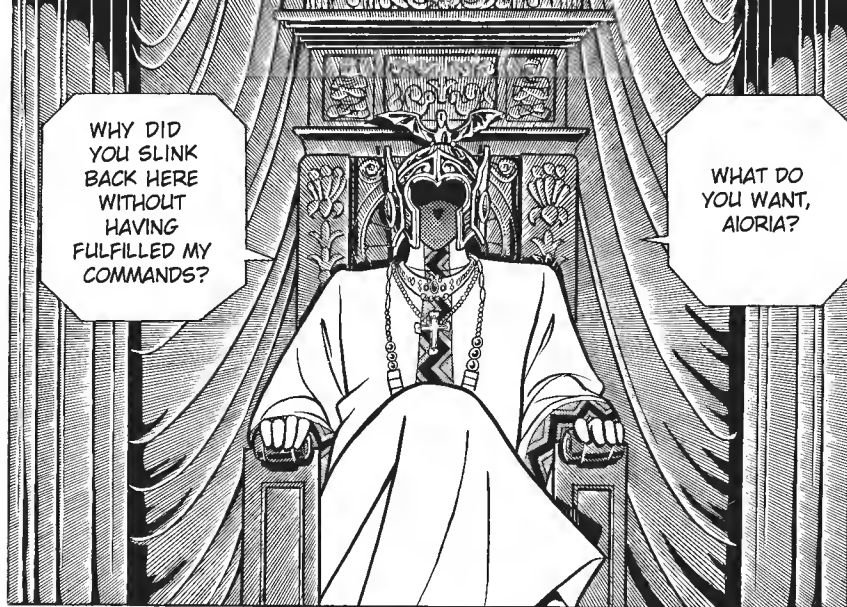
BUT YOU'RE
SACRIFICING
SO MUCH...
TO FIGHT...



**SOME DAYS LATER
AT SANCTUARY...**







WHY DID
YOU SLINK
BACK HERE
WITHOUT
HAVING
FULFILLED MY
COMMANDS?

WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
AIORIA?



I AM
HER AGENT
IN ALL
MATTERS,
AS YOU
WELL
KNOW...

NONSENSE.
ATHENA MEETS
WITH NO ONE.

I WANT
AN AUDIENCE
WITH
ATHENA.



YOU
SHAMELESSLY
RETURN
WITHOUT THE
HEADS OF THE
BRONZES OR
THE GOLD
CLOTH, THEN
YOU MAKE
DEMANDS AND
THREATEN ME?

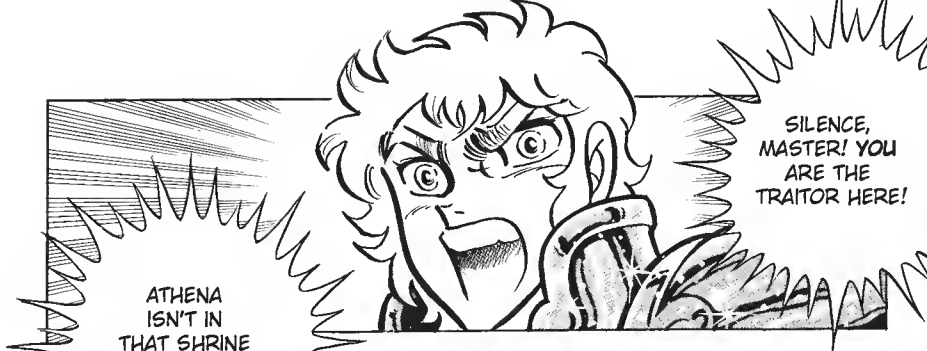
YOU'VE
LOST
YOUR
MIND,
AIORIA.



HIS TAINTED
BLOOD
POLLUTES
YOUR VEINS.
NOW YOU
BARE YOUR
FANGS AT
ATHENA AS
HE DID!

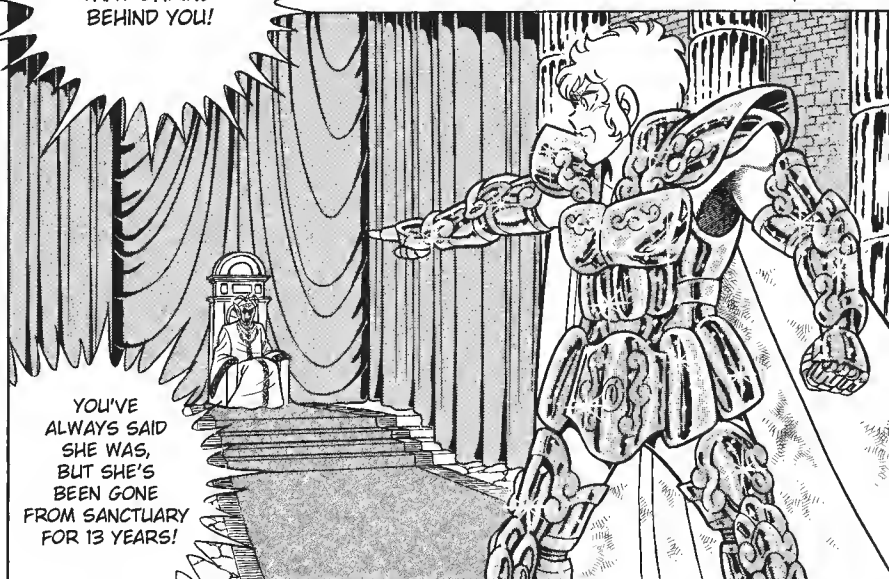
YOU ARE
INDEED THE
BROTHER OF
THE TRAITOR
AIOROS!

I INTEND
TO SEE HER,
EVEN IF I
HAVE TO GO
THROUGH
YOU!



SILENCE,
MASTER! YOU
ARE THE
TRAITOR HERE!

ATHENA
ISN'T IN
THAT SHRINE
BEHIND YOU!



YOU'VE
ALWAYS SAID
SHE WAS,
BUT SHE'S
BEEN GONE
FROM SANCTUARY
FOR 13 YEARS!



HEH HEH
HEH HEH...

HEH...

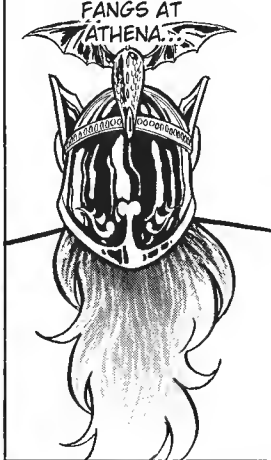


THIRTEEN
YEARS AGO,
MY BROTHER
STOPPED YOU
FROM
MURDERING
HER AND TOOK
HER AWAY.
SHE ENDED UP
IN JAPAN!!

...I'LL SEE
TO YOUR
EXECUTION
PERSONALLY!



THEN I CAN'T
ALLOW YOU
TO LIVE. AS
ONE WHO HAS
BARED HIS
FANGS AT
ATHENA...



SO, AIORIA,
YOU'VE LEARNED
THE TRUTH.



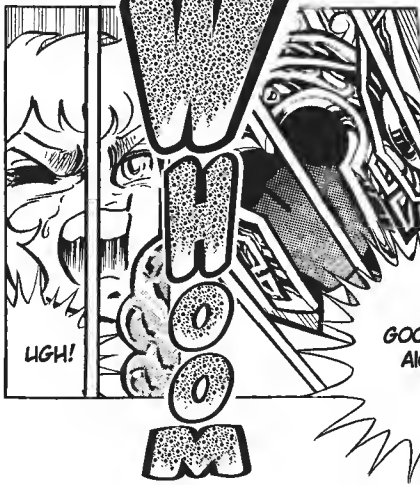
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



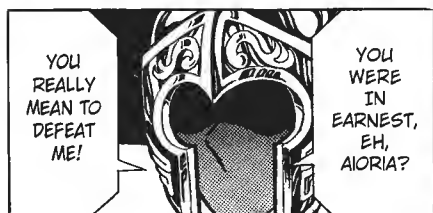
WHAT? THE
MASTER'S
HAIR IS
CHANGING
COLOR...

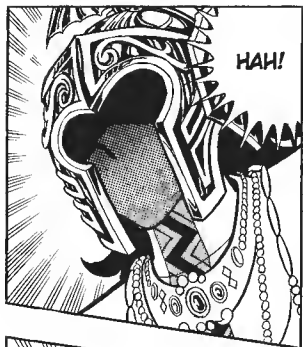


DIE,
AIORIA
!!



Flash





HAH!

DON'T YOU
REALIZE
WHO YOU'RE
ATTACKING?

STOP,
AIORIA.



WHO?

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L
A
N
K



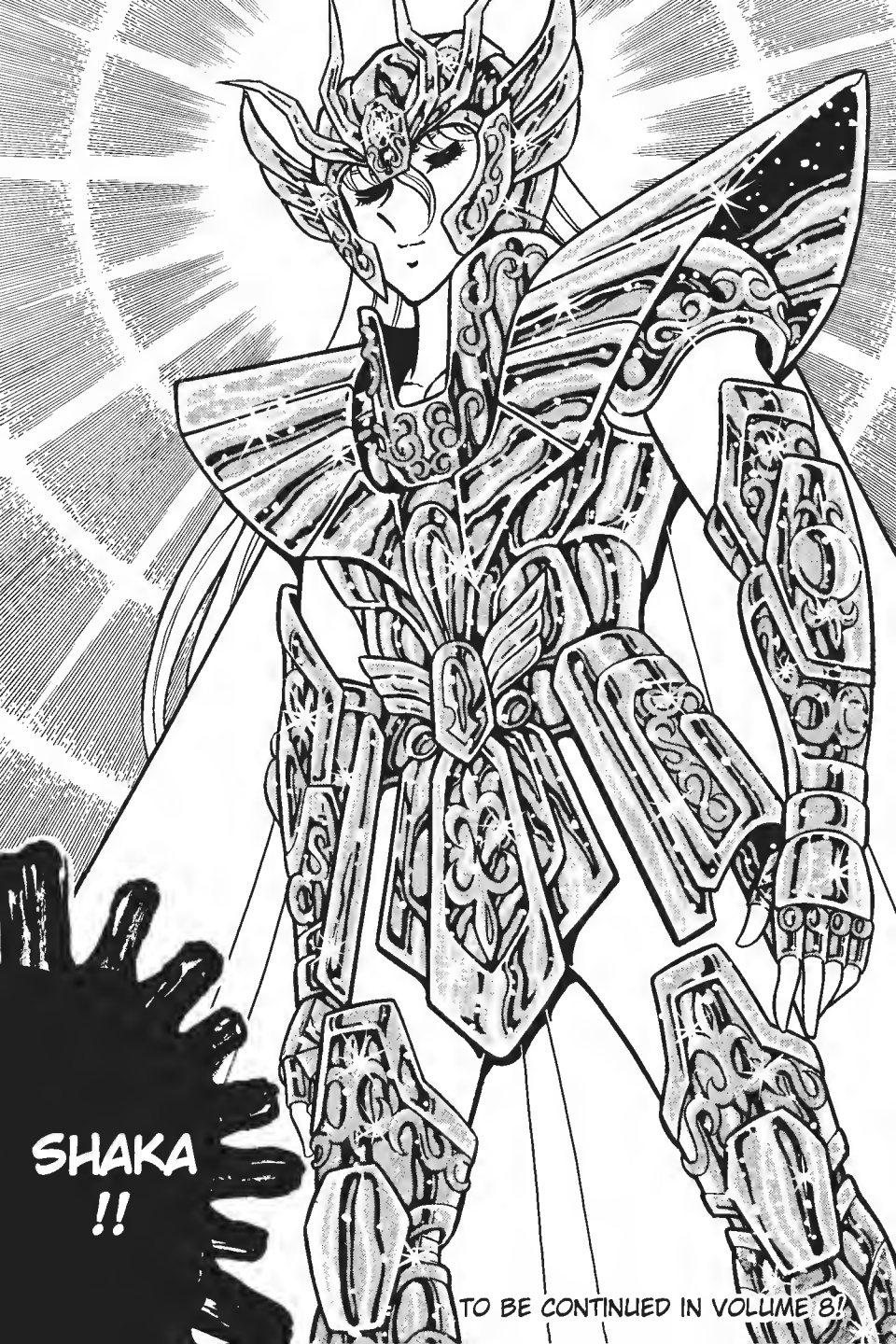
IT'S
THE
GOLD...

...VIRGO
KNIGHT!



THE MASTER
NEED NOT
BOTHER TO
PASS JUDGE-
MENT ON
YOU-- I WILL
EXACT THE
HEAVENLY
RETRIBUTION
MYSELF.

RAISING
YOUR FIST
AGAINST THE
MASTER IS
THE SAME AS
TREASON
AGAINST
ATHENA.



SHAKA
!!

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 8!